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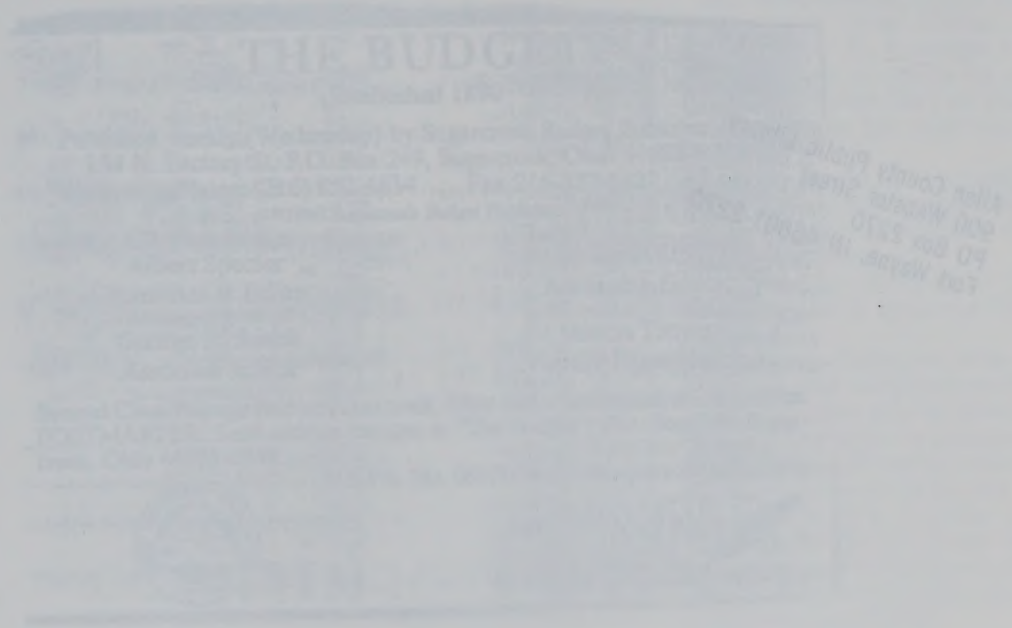
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## COTTAGE GROVE, TENN.

### New Boston

Dec. 26--Weather has mellowed somewhat, temperature in Paris this morning being slightly above freezing. Low readings last week were 15 below zero, it not going up much over zero all day Friday. We had only a skiff of snow, but the roads were icy in patches.

The cold weather did not keep us from being present at the school program presented Friday p.m. by our 60 some pupils. This was followed by congregational singing until time to close. The school board brought in extra heaters so that all were comfortable. This was in the schoolhouse basement.

Having enjoyed the program here, we were also privileged to be present for theirs in Mayfield, Ky. on Christmas morning. Attending from here were the Elmer Beilers, Miriam Miller, Marvin L. Yoders and Elmer A. Yoders with daughters Lillian and Verda, and the writer, all having dinner at son Milton's. The Fred Nissleys were present, having dinner with their daughter Carol, the Paul Kauffmans.

After the program the Norman Kauffmans, Ivan Hershbergers and the Joe and John Borntregeres wended down in this area to have dinner with Jake Bylers. David Hershbergers and Darrel Yoders also were in the area, having dinner at Norman A. Yoders'.

I failed to mention Clara and Ida Miller and Norman Yoder's twins, Earl and Merl and David and Dorcas also being present, but returned to have their Christmas dinner at the Norman A. Yoders'.

More Christmas day news is of the son, Thomas Wayne, born to Sylvan and Mary Lynn Yoder (Sylvan ordained deacon Dec. 3). A brother and sister welcome him as well as the grandparents, Jake Yoders and Paul Waglers.

The singing last night was at Joni Millers'.

Ben Schrock of Flemingsburg, Ky. are in the area visiting homefolks, having been with the fellowship at Mayfield, Ky. over Sunday.

Elmer Schrock moved to their new home located in the Locust Grove dist. on Tuesday.

Elmer A. Yoders, the writer and Ina Troyer had an unexpected overnight stay in the Belvidere area the forepart of the week, being invited to go along by Joni Miller who was there on business. He is our spokesman for Menn. Aid.

Willie Martens hopefully can fully move into their new home this week. They have been living there with enough to get by, as the house they rented is cold and water pipes frozen.

Last week (Wed. p.m.) was an interesting time in the Elmer A. Yoder home, the youth sisters having invited the young married sisters there and secret sisters were revealed.

An important item I nearly missed being I didn't write last week was of the two pair of excited new grandparents on the birth of Mary Beth to Robert and Ella Jean Nissley on Dec. 19 (my late mother's birthday). They are Neal and Katie Nissley and Raymond and Rachel Miller. Greats are the Calvin Nissleys and Atlee Hershbergers (Budget scribe) of Oakland, Md. and Yost S. Millers of Union Grove, N.C.

We are anticipating a family gathering Dec. 29 and 30, and will be in son Marvin's basement which has a fireplace. Paul E. Yoders (daughter Mabel) and their family of 7 children of W. Va., are expected here tonight. Uriel Millers (daughter Viola) are expected tomorrow, coming by bus, and only 2 children will be along. They are from N.C. Menno Kinsingers (daughter Sadie) of Va. and all their family except Kathy, who is in service for Gospel Echoes, want to be in by Thursday. Son Milton's family of Mayfield, Ky. have only 50 miles traveling to get there. Perfect attendance would be 104, but will be 17 missing that we know of now.

Yost Millers of N.C. will be traveling with Uriels and expect to stay several weeks with their 3 children and families living here. Mrs. Alvin N. Yoder





**CROSSVILLE, TN.****Mayland Community**

Dec. 26--The ice we had from Fri. a week ago continues to stay. The children are enjoying sledding and skating, which we don't have as much of here. Snow and ice don't usually last as long here.

Various people have had frozen pipes, etc. including the church/schoolhouse, and John Masts on the farm.

Mabel Otto found out the ice was slippery when she fell and hurt her wrist quite badly on Monday. Then Thurs. when I stepped outside our washhouse door, my feet went out from under, and wash and all went flying! I was thankful it wasn't worse, but my right arm was quite sore for a few days.

Albert Millers have been keeping "home fires" burning at Lonnie's new house. With no insulation in the attic, and cracks here and there not finished, the wood stoves need tending pretty often in this kind of weather.

Lonnie left on Sunday for Indiana to be at son-in-law's bedside when his condition worsened. After 3 days, they came back home (except Mary) when drs. told them his condition was stabilized. The next morning they received word his heart had stopped, but revived after given an electrical shock. Then several hours later word came again--this time that he had passed away. So Lonnie packed up to leave again. The funeral was at South Haven Church, Millersburg, Ind. on Sunday morning. Those from here who attended were Titus and Hannah Graber, Rachel Troyer and Alvin and Mabel Otto.

Titus and Hannah returned to Daviess Co., Ind. to be with his family and to do some butchering this week.

Alvin H. Miller family left for Nappanee, Ind. area early Fri. morning to spend several weeks with their kin there.

Those of us here on Sun. gathered at the school in p.m. we then divided into 3 groups and went caroling and had some fruit plates for elderly and shut-ins.

Albert Millers had company (her sister Emma), Wayne Millers and 4 children from Mt. Perry, Ohio. Their son James decided to spend his 2 weeks of school vacation back in the states, flying in on Tuesday. He is teaching at Scotland Halfmoon, Belize. It's quite a change from 80s - 100s temp. to zero!

Alvin and David Ottos were to McMinnville to son and brother Steven and family for Christmas. Their dau. Ruth Ann is home on vacation from school duties in Ark. and was also along.

The rest of us went caroling at Life Care Center, Cumberland Co. Hospital and a few homes in the evening. The youth were invited to Melvin Masts for a snack afterwards. Their son Daniel has several days' vacation from his teaching duties at McVeytown, Pa. He brought along Samuel Peight and Maria Socorro Martinez from the church there. Socorro is staying about a month.

Alvin Lynn & Fannie Miller





## NUNNELLY, TENNESSEE

Dec. 23--Winter is here in Central Tennessee and more severe than usual. We had 14° below zero yesterday morning and 12° this morning, so we are experiencing something we usually just let the Northerners have. Last winter the low never reached zero. Monday night we had an ice storm, covering everything with a layer of ice. There is still a lot left. Quite a few cars and trucks in the ditch on Tuesday.

John Troyers of Dunnville, Ky. arrived here on the 14th, with several smaller trailer loads of belongings arriving that day or on earlier days. They had 1 semi load that was due Tuesday when we had the ice, so the trucker unhooked the trailer by a station on Hwy. 100 and left. The hill on the road to John's place was very icy and not melting and our county does not stock salt for the roads (only the state salts their roads around here) so John bought quite a bit of salt in local feed stores and salted the hill himself. It soon cleared off and yesterday they were hauling their belongings home with smaller trucks.

David and Polly Borntrager left for Puxico, Mo. with a ton truck and horse trailer load of belongings. They were planning to leave Wed. but didn't because of icy roads, so they left Thursday morning, just before our sub-zero weather that night. LeRoy Bontrager accompanied them and the driver up there and they arrived back soon after lunch yesterday.

The pupils at Tanglewood presented their Christmas program to the parents on Thursday afternoon. Harvey and Fannie Mae Hochstetler of Anabel, Mo. (grandparents to several of the children) were also in attendance. Harveys plan to stay over this weekend yet before leaving for Huntingdon, Tn. to spend some time with their son there.

Felty and Betty Yoder and daus, Melinda and LeAnna spent last weekend with us. Melinda spent most of her time with Katie Ann Borntrager (Mose M.). They arrived here Sat. evening and left for home Monday about noon. Sunday evening we all had supper at Mose M. Borntragers' where the young folks also were. They had a singing afterwards.

John and Katie Yutzy of Canton, Mo. left for Glasgow, Ky. on the 15th after spending about a week here with their dau. Kathryn, the Samuel Borntrager family. They had come down with Joe and Ella Bontrager of LaPlata, Mo., who then left here early Monday morning, stopping in Glasgow to also take Johns along home. These had attended church at our place two weeks ago. We plan to have services here again tomorrow.

Truman R. Borntrager began his new career as teacher last Monday morning in the new school just put in at Lyles in the house where Jonas Bontrager used to live. He has 12 pupils, including John Troyer's pupils who just moved in.

The young folks have been doing quite a bit of what they usually can't do much of--ice skating. Lester Graber





**HUNTINGDON, TN**

Dec. 27--We still have some snow on the ground. Although it has warmed up from our cold spell, lots of pipes were frozen.

Church was held at Levi S. Borntrager's on Christmas Day. It is to be at the writer's on Dec. 31.

Word was received here Mon. night of the death of little Susie, dau. of nephew Dan E. Millers of Amherst, although she died in Mexico.

Spending Christmas with home folks, Enos Yoders, were the John and David Schwartz families of Seymour, Mo. Jerry Yoders and baby of Boonville, Mo. and Daniel Nissleys and children of Gradyville, Ky.

Chicken pox is among the children.

Felty and Eli I. Borntragers were in Gradyville and Glasgow, Ky. over Christmas. Mrs. Tobias Borntrager

**ETHRIDGE, TENNESSEE**

Dec. 26--It seems rather mild at 32° this morn. Through the middle of the week we had from 6° to 13° below readings reported at school. My report is 7 below. Official reading is 6 below.

Our newspaper says our lowest recorded Dec. reading is 7 below Dec. 13, 1962.

East church was at Jacob D. Gingerichs' for Joseph (Joe) Gingerichs. Next plans to be at Amos M. Yoders'. North was at Nevin D. Bylers' for Peter U. Gingerichs. Next at Noah A. Yoders', both Jan. 7th.

Witnesses for Mose L. Hersh. and Susie J. Yoder Thurs., Dec. 21 were his bro. Enos and Mary M. Hostetler, her bro. Andy and Cevilla L. Hersh. Strangers not mentioned before were the Joni C. Yoders of Wayne Co., Ohio.

Jacob J. Gingerich

**PARIS, TENNESSEE****Bethel Fellowship**

Dec. 26--Weather has been very cold with temperatures as low as 20° below, but today it has warmed up to 36°.

The school children presented their Christmas program on Thursday afternoon.

David Wengerd had a kidney stone attack that he was not able to be at the program, but had a hospital stay instead, coming home again on Fri. p.m.

The youth group and others enjoyed the privilege of singing Christmas carols for the shut-ins, aged and other loved ones, in spite of our cold weather.

Friday morning teacher Bertha Kauffman left for Alabama to be with her parents and friends for the weekend. Anna Mae Byler accompanied her so she wouldn't have to go alone. Anna Mae flew back again on Sat. to Nashville, Tn. airport, where she was met by John Bylers and they brought her home.

Steve Esh, Flemingsburg, Ky., and dau. Martha, Swanton, Md., arrived here late Friday evening. Raymond Schlabach, Oakland, Md., came with them to Mayfield, Ky. to visit his brother Marvin Schlabachs. They left for their homes again on Monday afternoon.

Ruth Ann Byler, Dover, Delaware, came to her parents', Earl Bylers', on Sat., coming with Janet and Eileen Weaver. They went to Anna, Ill. to visit their parents. They will be going back on Friday.

Those worshipping with us Sunday morning were Ruth Ann Byler, Steve Esh and Martha Wengerd.

Sunday dinner guests at Daniel Wengerd's were Steve Esh, Paul Hostetlers, Noahs, Davids, Andy, Pauls and Martha, all Wengerd's. Lena Mae Troyer and most of us were also there for supper.

Ben Schrock's, Flemingsburg, Ky., came on Monday to visit their parents and kin folks, with plans to return to their home on Thursday.

Simon A. Yoders, Lyndon and Ralph, Min. Norman D. Yoder family spent Christmas Day in Whiteville, Tn., attending their services and visiting at Earl Yoders'.

The Alvin Yoder family and Nelson Hershberger family of Hickory, Ky. were at Eli Nissleys' on Monday for their family gathering, along with John Nissleys, Ervin Eichers and Everett Yoders.

We expect Bertha Kauffman back this evening to go back in the classroom again tomorrow. Ruth Yoder is coming with Bertha.

Noah Wengerd's





### DEER LODGE, TENNESSEE

Dec. 26--It has warmed up some after having several mornings with below zero weather last week. The coldest was two mornings -11° and not warming up much during the day. Ice on the ponds is 8 inches thick. Some families had water pipes freeze.

Edwin Coblentzes from Cochran, Pa. came Sat. and spent a few days with Eli Hostetlers.

Alvin Coblentzes from Minerva, Ohio are spending a week with Eli Hostetlers.

Some of the brethren and sisters finished painting and cleaning last week in the house Steve Yoders will be renting.

Charles Witmers and Elmer Enos Witmers were at Sparta yesterday and spent the day at Calvert Petres'.

Some of John Witmers also spent the day with Glen Dillers at Sparta.

John Witmers

### LOBELVILLE, TENNESSEE

Dec. 26--We've had 10° below last Fri. and Sat. with the chill factor dipping to 50° below for a little. It warmed up to the lower teens for a little on Fri. This has broken the record for 117 yrs. for this time of the year. It even froze Duck and Buffalo Rivers over all the way at a few points. We've had ice on the roads etc. for approx. a week. The hill between us and town sent a lot of vehicles into the ditch.

Despite the frigid temperature on Fri. quite a few people showed up for the woodcutting at DeWayne Kauffmans'. Guess some people still have northern blood in their veins!

Guillermo Harris' bro. and family, the Wilbert Harris of California came to Guillemos by bus on Fri. in time for all this cold weather. They were having 70° out there. They'd planned to stay a little longer but he got sick with flu or something so they'll be returning tomorrow.

Michael Hobbs of Berne, Ind. were visiting relatives here over the weekend (the Nolt relation).

Guess Daniel N. Glick must be quite a bit better. I hear he's not wearing his back brace anymore and he's out handling his end of the crosscut at the woodcuttings.

Chriss Speichers of Pa. were on their way here with their belongings over the weekend but got stopped in Va. for being overloaded and also the truck's transmission wasn't working right so they just turned around and went back. The truck is now scheduled to arrive tomorrow morning. Dan Troyer of Snyder Co. is accompanying the driver.

David and Paula Byler and girls spent the weekend in Scottsburg, In. with her mother.  
Byler Sisters





**WHITEVILLE, TN.**

Dec. 26--Brrr! We've had some of the coldest weather we've had since living in Tn. It was reported the coldest in this area since 1901. We had 8° below zero one morn. and the extreme cold lasted about five days. On Christmas day, temperatures rose to the 30s and has remained milder since.

About half of our group was gone over Christmas weekend. The LaVern Eash family was at Brookfield, Mo.; Elmer Masts and Loren Overholts were to Catlett and Aroda, Va.; Jr. Yoders and Vera Byler and family were to Penna. and Dela.; and the Mervin Graber family went to the Sugarcreek, Ohio area.

Fruit plates were made Thurs. afternoon at the church to be distributed with caroling, but caroling was postponed due to the bitter cold temperatures. Fri. eve. wasn't too much better, but some were brave enough to distribute the plates.

We had our dau. Debra and Phil Mast with us for the weekend from Seymour, Mo.

The youth have very much enjoyed their time of skating this week. The ice very seldom gets as thick as it had been last week.

We had church services Christmas morning, with the Simon and Norm Yoder families from Paris, Tn. as visitors. Norm brought us the message. Simons and Norms spent the rest of the day with the Earl Yoder family.

Wayne, Wanita and Gloria Nisley and Erma Jean Swartzentruber, all from Montezuma, Ga., spent last night with the Ray Byler family. They are enroute to Oklahoma and Calvary Bible School.

The L. J. Helmuth family left today for Aroda, Va. where the Edgar Helmuth family plans to have a reunion this weekend in honor of Edgars' 50th wedding anniversary.

Dale and Cynthia Miller, Plain City, Ohio, are visitors at the Ray Bylers' tonight. They are on their way home from Lott, Tx.

Son Loren thought he had a fine Christmas morning, when he came in with a nice 10-point buck.

The Norman A. Yoder family, Clara and Ida Miller, David and Rhoda Hershberger, all from the Paris, Tn. area, and Mrs. Mary Jane Miller and 3 children from Stuarts Draft, Va., all spent the day today with the Earl Yoders.

Allen Helmuth and Kevin Yoder returned Wed. eve. from their trip to

Costa Rica. They report a very enjoyable trip; not the least was riding a 500-600 pound sea turtle at the beach. She had come up on the beach where she dug a hole to lay her 120 eggs in a two-hour period. Most of the group took turns riding her before she went to sea again.

Allen and Kevin built kitchen cabinets for the Sanford Yoders (their aunt) while they were there, and helped with various other jobs.

Rosetta Helmuth has discontinued her job at the Brownsville Nursing Home, in preparation to begin work at Mt. View Nursing Home at Aroda, Va.

Mrs. Lloyd Troyer





**BRUCETON, TENNESSEE**

Jan. 4--We have been having some real mild winter weather the last while.

On Christmas Day, church was at Levi S. Borntreger's. Strangers were David W.P. and Johnny N.S. Schwartz and families of Seymour, Mo., Jerry E. Yoders of Prairie Home, Mo., Daniel Nissleys of Gradyville, Ky., Mrs. Susan Yoder of Augusta, Wis. and the newlyweds of Medford, Wis.

On Dec. 31, church was at Tobias A. Borntreger's for Wm. Millers. Church is to be there again for Freeman I. Borntreger. Stranger was Mrs. Susan Yoder of Augusta, Wis.

Born to Nathaniel and Fannie Bornreger, a little girl named Rosinna. Grands are Tobias and Levi Borntreger. Vera Eicher of B.G., Mo. is the hired girl.

A little girl named Clara to Jacob and Fannie (Mast) Lee. She was born on Jan. 2. She has 3 brothers and 9 sisters. Grand is Mrs. Jacob J. Miller of B.G., Mo.

Jonas J. Mast was again in the hospital several days. This time it was about his heart.

Mrs. Wm. Miller was sick with pneumonia that she was to a doctor.

Chicken pox are sure scattered at present.

Tobias Borntreger went to Amherst, Wis. for the funeral of Susie, dau. of Dan E. Millers.

Mrs. Samuel Mast





**CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE**

Jan. 1--Visitors in church last year (yesterday) were Wm. Schrock from Stuarts Draft, Va. They stopped at Jay Mark Masts' overnight enroute home from Paris. Mike Bible has started attending services again.

Perry Miller substituted in school for Polly Miller (flu) on Fri. and today again.

Bro. John Mast left Fri. for Belgium on church work. Jay Masts took him to Nashville, then went to Winchester where they were given a reception by the church there. Several of the youth also went down.

Lloyd Swartzentrubers of Montezuma, Ga. spent a night at John Masts'. They brought things along to send to Belgium with Johns. From here they went to Ky. to visit the Jerry Tuckers.

Philip Otto took his sister Ruth to Winchester to catch her ride to Hillcrest School. She'd spent the vac. with her family.

Alvin Otto and sons spent parts of 2 days putting underpinning on their son Stephen's trailer.

Lonnie Miller and the rest of the children plan to come home today from their dau. Martha Bontrager in Ind. Mary will stay awhile yet with Martha and children. They were also down with the flu.

Our family arrived home Wed. eve. from our 38-day trip to Honduras after putting 6,505 miles on the van. We had a wonderful trip, no major repairs, just flat tires, oil filter change and fuel pump repair. "The Angels of the Lord encamped around and over us all the way."

Mrs. Aaron Troyer

**PARIS, TENNESSEE****Bethel Fellowship**

Jan. 2--We were surprised to see a light snow on the ground New Year's morning, with temperature 31°. The snow didn't last long.

Jesse Yoders and 3 children of Selinsgrove, Pa. came to Jonas Bylers' on Tuesday evening for a few days visit. They left again on Friday stopping at Liberty, Ky. on their way home.

Tuesday evening the youth, children and others enjoyed skating on the pond at Daniel Wengerts'. They had a surprise when Olive and Lois Yoder, Pa., arrived on the scene, not knowing that they were coming.

A carry-in supper was enjoyed by Jesse Yoders, Jonas Byler and Jacob Byler families on Thursday evening at Jacob's.

Simon A. Yoders went to Guthrie, Ky. on Thursday evening to attend the family gathering of Arlene's bros. and sisters on Friday.

Mrs. Tillie Byler has been absent from services the last few Sundays on account of the cold weather. Hymn singing was at the church on Sunday evening with Andy Wengerd having children's class.

Dea. Norman D. Yoders, John Bylers, Everett Yoders and the youth had a song service at the Henry Co. Nursing Home Sunday afternoon, with Norman having devotions.

Church quilting will be at Eli Nissleys' on Wednesday.

There have been lots of frozen and burst water pipes during this cold weather. They are not prepared for this sub-zero weather down in the south.

Noah Wengerts





## WHITEVILLE, TN

Jan. 1--After several days of cold rain, the sun has been shining again, but temperatures remain chilly, mostly from the 20s to the 40s.

There have been so many travelers coming and going the past week, I don't know if I can relate them all correctly or not. The L.J. Helmuth family has been spending the past week at her parents', the Edgar Helmuths at Aroda, Va., where their family celebrated Edgars' 50th wedding anniversary.

The Roger Helmuths, son Allen and dau. Rosetta also went for the same occasion; however, Rosetta is staying to work as a nurse (LPN) at Mt. View Nursing Home.

Mrs. Eli Helmuth has had a puppy-sitting job while son L.J.s are gone. L.J.s had just gotten a small sheltie puppy before they left, so left it in the care of Grandma Helmuth. The puppy's nighttime cries kept Fannie awake, so she tried the old-time method of "rocking the baby" and apparently found it still effective.

Gary Raber, Mission Home, Va. stopped here Wed. night on his way to Calvary Bible School where he is to serve as dean.

Philip Yoder flew to Ohio, Thurs. where he spent the weekend at Minerva, mostly, I presume, at the Eli Weaver home. He accompanied Marietta Weaver back home (by plane) Sun. eve.

Wayne and dau. Melissa Schrock, Mart Overholt, Valerie Miller, Stephen, Joel and Steven Yoder, all from the Aroda, Va. area, were supper and overnight guests at the Clarence Yoders' and several other families Fri. eve. They were also on their way to CBS.

Gloria and Julia Mast joined some youth from the Auburn, Ky. area to travel on to CBS Sat. morn.

Nelson Mast surprised his family Fri. morn. by walking into the kitchen as they were having breakfast. He had arrived in the wee hours of the morn. and hid his pickup in the shed and crept in to bed without waking anyone. He plans to stay awhile to take flying lessons at the aviation school in Bolivar.

The Ray Byler family spent the weekend at Belvidere, Tn.

Sat. the Elmer Masts, Earl Yoders and we spent the day at Paris, Tn. to attend a kind of reunion. Our step-mother, Elmina Yoder, had all of her family together Friday, then Sat. they invited our family to join them at the Marvin Yoders'. The Yost Millers from N.C. were also there. The gathering brought back many memories of childhood days in Stuarts Draft, Va., where most of us grew up together.

The Elmer Masts had as visitors Fri. for dinner the Louie Bylers and 6 children from Canada and the Jesse Hostetlers and 4 children from Belleville, Pa.

The Matthew Millers and son from Sugarcreek, Ohio were weekend visitors with the Loren Overholts.

Arriving at the Eli Helmuths' Fri. for a weekend visit were the Menno Helmuths and Russel Gnageys from Kalona, Iowa. Menno and Lydia Gnagey are bro. and sister to Eli.

The Mart Eash family, Jesup, Ga., arrived last night to visit home folks this week.

Levi Yoder and Arlyn Helmuth were pleased to each bag a deer this morn. Three more days over the coming weekend (hopefully) will conclude the deer hunting for this season.

Mrs. Lloyd Troyer





**COTTAGE GROVE, TENN.****New Boston**

Jan. 1--Our warmer weather last week brought us several days of rain, which comes in good.

Lewie Bylers of Canada and Jesse Hostetlers of Belleville, Pa. came to their parents', the Jake Bylers after Christmas, and stayed until this morning.

Alva Miller's company also stayed over the weekend, Mrs. Eli Miller (Mary Jane) and children, returning home to Va. today, and the parents, Amos and Mollie Zook, staying on at Alvas' for an indefinite time.

Nathan and Marlin Nissley (Vernon) of Fairview, Mo. visited their Uncle Neal Nissleys Fri. p.m., traveling on the next day.

Alvin W. Bylers of Catlett favored her sister, the Jerry Stutzman Srs., with a visit over Sunday.

Our family gathering last week was well attended; 91 were present and 12 missing, the latter being the Raymond Detweilers and Merlin Millers of Union Grove, N.C. and Kathy Kinsinger, in service with the Gospel Echoes in Goshen, Ind. On Sat. we also had the step-children attending, being Paul Yoders of Belvidere, Elmer Masts, Lloyd Troyers and Earl Yoders of Whiteville, and the Simon A. and Norman A. Yoders, local.

Our good friends, Yost and Savannah Miller of N.C., also favored us with their presence Sat., leaving in p.m. with their grandson Conrad Miller for Guthrie, Ky., along with the Uriel Millers, Sara Ellen and Nevin and Donald Yoders.

Others leaving Sat. p.m. were the Allen Beilers of Stuarts Draft, Va., as they were expecting company at home the next day. Bill and Brenda Schrock and son went to be with the fellowship at Crossville, and the Paul E. Yoders to Sparta. Menno Kinsingers and Timothy Yoders of Stuarts Draft, Va. were the only ones here over Sunday, Timothys leaving for home this morning.

Mennos plan to stay until the latter part of the week. They have on order at Yoder's Meat Processing at Mayfield, Ky., a beef and pork that they will pick up enroute.

If plans carry, the writer will accompany the Kinsingers to Va. to spend some

time with the daughters living out-of-state, also to visit bro. J. Elmer Yoders at Aroda.

Miriam Yoder, Bertha Beachy and Becky Miller took Ruth Yoder to Nashville to enplane for her return to her teaching duties at Orrville, Ala. The girls went via Guthrie, Ky. where they picked up Elsie Hershberger and continued on to Liberty, Ky. to spend the weekend.

Jacob Derksens, too, were with the fellowship at Liberty, Ky.

John Millers have closed their bakery for several weeks and were anticipating a vacation spent in Arizona. However, plans were changed as they were both ill with flu, with John feeling better, but Irene is still partially laid up.

Mrs. Alvin N. Yoder





**SPARTA, TENNESSEE**

Jan. 1--We had very cold weather the 4th week of Dec. One morning the temp. was 4° below. There were some frozen water pipes.

Dec. 22--We visited Mrs. Roman Beachy at the Winchester Hospital. She was operated on the 19th. We attended the monthly hymn singing that evening at the Sparta Old People's Home.

Bro. Mahlon Petres and family left Fri. morn. for weekend meetings at Pinegrove, Pa. The week following they visited relatives in Md. and Pa., returning home the 30th.

Dec. 24--Donald Dillers of Chambersburg, Pa. were visitors at church. Glen Dillers had the family together at their place Mon. eve.

Dec. 25--Our family was all able to be together on Christmas Day for dinner, which made a count of 52. Each family brought something for the meal.

Dec. 30--Bro. Paul Yoders of Gap Mills, W.Va. were Bro. Lee Dillers' evening guests. Paul brought the message Sun. morn. They went to Peter Moyers' for dinner. Glen Gaymans of Chambersburg, Pa. and Arlin and Patricia (Oaks) Halteman of Md. were also visitors at church. Arlins went to Peters' also. Peters and Arlins were to Altamont to visit the John Warren family Sun. eve.

Paul Yoders went to Mt. Zion services in the eve.

Bish. Glenn and Doris Martin of Paramount, Md. were our Sun. eve. guests. They were visiting their daughter Cynthia, the Ross Ulrichs of Woodbury, Tn. over the weekend. The Petres

**ETHRIDGE, TENNESSEE**

Jan. 1--The 6 inch thick ice on the pond has all disappeared. From Fri. till Sun. morn. we had 2.6 inches rainfall and was down to 27° this morn. Our total rainfall for '89 is 84.7 inches while in '88 we had 55.15".

Our average yearly rainfall is around 60 inches. But the few inches we were short last year was in May only 2.15 and June no measurable rainfall, while this year May had almost 6" and June 15.5. For us here the hot dry summer yielded much better crops than our wet growing season.

Church was at Jacob L. Hershbergers' yest. Next plans to be at Pete H. Gingerichs' Jan. 14. West was at Andv S. Yoders'.

Our Georgia friends are in the area again and want to head home tomorrow p.m. with a couple wagon boxes and harness parts, etc.

The Sammie Hostetler family are pretty well over the measles now altho they thought it best for the children not to attend church yet yest. As far as I know the measles stayed in their family but we also hear of some being among the English in the county.

Published yest. were Peter D.D. and Emma D.U. Gingerich. Wedding plans for Jan. 11. Services to be at Mahlon H. Gingerichs'.

Tue. morn. we got word that my wife's mother, Noah Stutzman Mary of Scottsville, Ky. is not well, so Eli N. Stutzman, my wife and Lydia (Mrs. Pete H. Gingerich), left this morn. to be with them. Mrs. Noah Zook is not able to go see her and still has her ups and downs.

The Mose N. Stutzmans and family of Berne, Ind. spent part of Sat. and Sun. in this area, coming from Scottsville, Ky. and left to there again Sun. p.m. and are the ones who let us know of Mommy's condition.

Jacob J. Gingerich





**HUNTLAND, TN****Belvidere Menn. Church**

Dec. 28--The Arctic Express, as the paper stated, has left again. It was as low as -10°! One day it hung around zero all day.

L.P. gas has risen considerably. Henry ran into difficulty getting his hookup for the shop. The companies are either out of gas or swamped with current customers.

Steve and Miriam Miller spent several nights with her parents, Emmanuel Yoders, due to the cold. Various ones had frozen pipes to work with.

Atlee Rabers from S.C. were here at her sister's, Joe Kanagys, over the weekend. Joes recently purchased property in the Belvidere Mountain area. They were able to get the basement dug for their new home just before the frigid weather.

Marvin Chupps and Simon Schrock's from Stuarts Draft, Va. were with the

John Millers over Christmas weekend. Marvin's stayed until today. They took Jolene & Juanita Miller along home. They had been visiting Amos Millers & girls a few days.

The Paul Zooks from Pa. were with her parents, Abe Millers. Abes gave up their former Dec. plans of visiting dau. Rhoda at El Salvador, due to the unrest there.

Kenneth Millers and sister Ruth were with their sister, the Enos Millers. Kens continued their travels on to Guthrie, then to Ohio to her parents'. Ruth plans to catch another ride home to Va.

Allen Beilers and Tim Yoders were guests of family & friends. They are on the way to attend the Yoder reunion in Paris.

Bro. Tim Yoder shared a message with us after prayer meeting Wed. eve.

Tim Yannayons spent several days with her parents at Finger, Tn. William Troyers also spent Christmas with his mother at Paris, Tn.

Mrs. Roman Beachy hasn't been doing quite so well lately. They needed to return IV on Mon. due to vomiting. She hasn't been able to handle solids yet. The donated blood wasn't needed after all at surgery. Son Gabriel and Shelia arrived from Iowa this week to be with the family. Ada's home address is Rt. 1, Box 356, Huntland, Tn. 37345.

Delores and Twila Schrock arrived at their sister's, Mark Millers, on Mon. eve. They also spent some time at Jay Mark Masts' in Crossville.

Simon Beachys and 5 children want to arrive with their furniture this p.m. to make this their home. He plans to help John Millers on the dairy farm.

Mrs. Henry Beachy





**ETHRIDGE, TENNESSEE**

Jan. 8--No freezing since Jan. 2 and 1.8 inch rainfall. I believe frost is pretty much out of ground again.

East church was at Amos M. Yoders'. Next plans to be at Ben E. Yoders'. Strangers were the John N. Stutzmans of Desboro, Ont., Canada. North was at Noah A. Yoders' and to be there again for John R. Troyers. Abe gma was at Monroe A. Millers'. Next to be at Levi S. Yoders', all January 21.

My wife, Pete Lydia, Eli N. Stutzman and the above mentioned John Stutzmans came here and back from Scottsville, Ky. on Friday, after being with their sick mother there. Mosie's wife, Mary of Berne, Ind., and Noah N. Stutzmans of Chesley, Ont., Can. were still with mother. They found mommy some better than they expected, but she is a sick woman and sometimes can't hardly get her breath, probably caused from her heart.

Born to Ben A. Millers a son Wilbur, Dec. 30. Grands are Mrs. Abe Mary Miller and Noah J. Zooks. To Ezra E. Masts a son Noah, Dec. 31st, their first. Also puts Noah A. Yoders on the grandparent list. Others are Enos J. Masts.

To Noah P. Gingerichs a dau. Mary, Jan. 3. Grands are Fred J. Hostetler of Lodi, Ohio and Pete H. Gingerichs.

To John P. Gingerichs, a son, Jan. 7. Grands are Bro. Mahlons of Newcomerstown, Ohio, also Pete H. Gingerichs. This baby was in Columbia Hospital, but sent on to a Nashville Hospital and has fluid on the lungs.

Newlyweds Eli D. Gingerichs moved on what used to be Andy G. Yoder's place and Herman J. Yoders to where Roman M. Gingerichs were, before moving to Ky.

The Sammie Hostetlers are all through with the measles now and no one else got them in this settlement except we heard of a few among the English people.

There have been a lot of geese and some ducks flying north the last few days.

Bro. Uras had a frolic last Fri. and their house is now boxed in.

Jacob J. Gingerich





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**NUNNELLY, TENNESSEE**

Jan. 5--All woodcutters are staying busy if they want to and if they can get the wood out. The ground is very soft in places.

John Troyer is working on the footings for his new shop. They are in the crafts business.

Albert, 11-year-old son of Truman and Martha Borntrager, burned his right arm in boiling water and missed a few days of school.

Those attending services and spending the weekend in Gradyville, Ky. last weekend were Noah and Miriam Hostetler, Rudy and Sadie Borntrager and baby and sons Truman and Yost and David T. Borntrager. Gene Snyder was their driver.

Mose Borntrager was in bed a few days with a severe case of flu. Quite a few are having some form of it lately.

Services are planned to be at the LeRoy Bontrager home tomorrow instead of Sunday. They also plan to have the services in two weeks.

To Samuel Schwartz of Reading, Mich.: my wife had a quilt that she did in 1987 that contained about 770 yards. She also knows of a quilt done by Susan Yoder and her sister of Augusta, Wis. that contained around a 1000 yards.

Lester Graber

**PARIS, TENNESSEE****Bethel Fellowship**

Jan. 10--We are having mild temp. for January.

On Thurs. eve. we had Sunday school reorganization at the churchhouse. Herman Miller is the superintendent and Daniel Wengerd is assistant.

Tim Yoders and children and Daniel Wengerds and children left on Friday for Summersville, Mo. to spend the weekend there, coming home again on Monday.

On Jan. 6, the Simon Yoders had a family gathering at their home. Due to sickness in the family only bro. Alvin and 3 children were able to come.

Vernon Nissley of Donna, Texas was to Daviess Co., Indiana the latter part of this week, so on his homeward way he stopped here, ministering to us from the Word on Sunday morning. Eli Nissleys hosted as dinner guests Vernon Nissley, Everett Yoders, Bertha Kauffman, Lena Mae Troyer and Noah Wengerds. Eli A. Nissleys made a call at Elis' in the afternoon.

The Perry Miller family of Auburn, Ky. were also visitors at church. They had dinner at Simon Yoders'. We were glad to see Tillie Byler able to be at church. Some of the mothers were missing because of sickness. The hymn singing was at Jake Hostetlers'.

Noah Wengerds and Jonas Bylers left on Mon. for Canada to attend the funeral of Melvin Jantzi's youngest son, Samuel.

The deer season ended with 950 deer being processed at Yoder Bro's. Meat Processing.

Norman D. Yoders

**BELVIDERE, TENNESSEE****Belvidere Menn. Church**

Jan. 6--Winter is reasserting itself this morn. after a week of warm weather. Colds and flu are prevalent.

Alton, Lavina Beachy and family, Plain City, Ohio, stopped in for a weekend visit with brothers, Henry & Marvin. They were on their way home from a vacation in Florida. They left for home Sun. afternoon. Another bro., Simon and family, Whiteville, Tn., were also here at the same time. They had taken their bread pans to Chattanooga to have them reglazed. Simons run a bakery/cheese shop in Whiteville. The pans weren't ready by Mon. so they stayed a few days extra.

Abe Millers left Wed. for Ohio to attend a funeral.

Thurs. was a busy day for several. Sam Millers decided to butcher turkeys.

Edna & Anna Joyce Troyer went over to help. Joe Kanagy was at last able to get started on the foundation of their new house. The ground was too wet earlier and after the gravel and cement trucks got stuck, the operation was slowed considerably. Our oldest son, Chris, works for Joe and was off work for nearly a week, but was rejoicing he could return on Thurs.

Marianna Gingerich's parents, Amos & Katie Miller, are in the process of having a trailer set up, next to Samuel's. They have been staying with Samuels since before Christmas. Marianna is in charge of sewings, so she appreciates Mom's willing babysitting.

On Thurs. some sisters from Crossville brought lunch in for Roman Beachys and stayed to visit. They baked several batches of cookies yet before leaving. Those in the load were Mary Otto, Aaron Troyer's wife, Mary Ann Miller, John Mast's wife and Sarie Mast.

Today, Fri., a load of sisters from Sparta brought down the makings for lunch for Romans. I'm sure this is an encouragement and love in action.

Mrs. Connie Beiler





**DEER LODGE, TN**

Jan. 7--We are enjoying mild weather again after the cold weather.

Visitors in services this morn. were Pete Waglers and family from Cochran-ton, Pa., also J. Elmer Witmers and Anita Knepp from Sparta.

We welcome another family into our midst. Steve Yoders from Guthrie, Ky. moved on Tue. They have 6 children. Paul Witmer, Elmer Enos Witmer, Oscar Yoder and John Yoder took two trucks and Eli Yoder took his van and moved their belongings. There will be 4 more schoolchildren.

Luke and MaryJane Witmer left on Wed. for Burton and Ashtabula, Ohio to get flower plants for the greenhouse. They stopped in at Cochran-ton, Pa. for evening services and overnight and returned home on Thur.

Tim and Triva Yoders from Stuarts Draft, Va. were David Schrock's supper and overnight guests Dec. 26.

Visitors over last weekend were Henry Sommers and family from Fair-view, Mo., Michael Kauffmans and family from Bedford, Pa. and Alvin Coblentz and dau. from Minerva, Ohio. Bro. Alvin and Bro. Henry preached for us Sun. morn. Sun. eve. Paul Yoder and family from Gap Mills, W.Va. were visitors. Bro. Paul brought the message.

Steve Yoder's address is Route 1, Box 46, Clarkrange, Tn. 38553.

John Witmers

**CROSSVILLE, TN****Mayland Community**

Jan. 8--There are still some down with flu and were absent from church and school.

Bro. Alvin Ottos were to Franklin, Ky. for services yest. morn. and eve.

James Miller returned Wed. to his teaching post in Belize.

On Fri. most of the sisters chipped in and cleaned the Mamie Abston house in Mayland for the Alvin H. Miller family, who are returning from their Ind. trip today.

Aaron and I were to Md. Tues. and Wed. and brought Grandpa Troyers home with us. Their address here is Rt. 4, Box 692, Crossville, TN 38555.

Mrs. Aaron Troyer

**COTTAGE GROVE, TN****New Boston Area**

Jan. 8--Cloudy and cool the past few days. Last evening we had a nice rainfall, which was at first mixed with sleet.

News which was missed last week is of the Joe Waglers from Ind. who were in the area one day accompanied by the Joe and John Bomtrager from Mayfield, Ky.

John and Sarah Miller from Flemingsburg, Ky., who had come to get a hay teddar from his bro. Ray, spent Wed. evening and part of the next day visiting their bros. and sisters living here. Theirs was a timely visit, in which they could also be with his parents, Yost and Savannah, who are spending some time here with their children, Ray and Lester Millers and Elmer Beilers. Yosts had spent the weekend in Guthrie, Ky. and returned to the area on Tues. evening.

Davy Beachys from Unity, Wisc. were supper and overnight guests with Ina Troyer Thurs. evening. They spent some time visiting friends and relatives on Fri., with Jake Bylers escorting them to Norman Kauffmans' at Mayfield, Ky. for dinner on Sat. Davy was formerly from Belleville, Pa.

We will miss the Paul Brenneman family, who have made the move to Golden City, Mo. Joseph Miller from that area came with his truck and trailer to move their belongings. It was late Thurs. afternoon before all was packed and loaded. They left that evening yet.

Mervins and Ernest Yoders left early Fri. morning for Golden City to be with Pauls and help with unpacking. They returned home on Sat. evening.

William Martens moved the rest of their belongings to their new home on Wed.

Menno Kinsingers and 2 daus., having spent most of the past week here with us, left for their home in Stuarts Draft, Va. on Fri. via Mayfield, Ky. where they picked up meat at Yoder Bro.'s slaughter house and made a short visit with her bro., Milton Yoders.

Grandma Elmina Yoder accompanied Menno to Va., having in mind to spend time with family members in various states.

Junior Yoders spent this past weekend in Ala.

Visitors in church services yest. were Amos Zooks from Va. and Yost Millers from Union Grove, N.C.

Levi Eichers and Jake Bylers plan to leave this forenoon sometime for Can. to attend the funeral of Melvin Jantzis' 21-yr.-old son who met death in a farm accident.

Lillian Yoder





**LOBELVILLE, TENNESSEE**

Jan. 9--Milder weather at present, but more rain.

Visitors in Lobelville over the weekend were Paul Hoover, Paul Brubaker and Levi Shirk of Scottsville, Ky. They visited Joe J. Miller, Henry E. Mast and Perry Glicks and possibly a few others. They returned home on Monday.

Lydia Glick and Elizabeth Byler went to Ky. with them to see Mrs. Noah J. Stutzman who is very low at present. She is nearly 84. Someone stays with her day and night. Needs to be fanned and repositioned quite often. She was able to help herself pretty well until these last days. Dr. says she suffered a stroke 2 weeks ago which left one side numb for a day. Her left leg also doesn't hardly have circulation and turns blue, which causes her a lot of pain.

Almost all of the Stutzmans' children have been there to see her. Mrs. Mose Stutzman of Berne, In. stayed and helped awhile. At present their son Noah of Canada is helping out. A few of Eli Stutzmans' married children of Park City, Ky. also helped out.

While in Ky. I got to see former In. friends, the Joseph Troyers and Eric Kralys. We had dinner with Erics on Tuesday.

Jonas and Lydia (Yoder) Nolt of Ky. are the parents of another little miss born Jan. 2, named Susannah. She has 2 sisters and one brother. She was born on her brother's birthday!

Born to James and Rhoda (Garber) Lavy on Dec. 30th was a son named Calvin. Also twin sons named Evan and Kevin were born to John and Emma (Wickey) Lavy on Jan. 7th.

Leaving for a 2-week stay in Belize on Sun. eve. were Aden Shirk, Jonathan and Dirk Stoll, Joseph Miller III and Raymond Beachys.

John & Fannie (Miller) Nolts' 7-month-old baby isn't doing too well. Has some breathing problems and other complications.

We also visited Elam and Mary Ann Horst while in Ky. He's not so well, but better than he had been. Seems to get tremendous muscle cramps which caused a lot of pain and helplessness. Was well enough to go to church again on Sunday.

Going to Berne, In. over the weekend were Ben C. Troyers, Menno Troyers and Naomi Byler, with Joe D. Byler as driver.

Mattie Troyer has constant pain in her wrists and extreme lower back which causes her very restless nights. She's nearly helpless with her hands, as she just doesn't have much strength in them.

Simon H. Beachy broke his leg 2 weeks ago on ice. He's not sure how it happened, but thinks he twisted his leg sideways a little. He had two plates put in. Think it broke only the large bone at an angle below the knee. This makes 3 broken legs for them in exactly 9 months' time! His wife's leg is still not normal from her break in July. The local dr. took care of the surgery on Simon's leg at his office, so he got to go home the same day.

Seems there's a virus of some kind going around. Some call it the "Shangra La" flu. Hospitals are crowded. Sis. Naomi had a fever every eve. last week, and finally by Sat. night it stayed up over 104° and we could get it down a few degrees, only to have it pop back up. We finally got the dr. out.

Dec. 31st Margaret Stauffer and Juanita Martin left for the Galilean Home in Ky. to help out a month.

Harry Troyers of Ghent, Ky. spent some time in Lobelville at their dau. Mary's, the Eli Troyers', last week.

Byler Sisters





**BELVIDERE, TENNESSEE****Belvidere Menn. Church**

Jan. 5--The last week of the year of 1989 I believe nearly every family was blessed with visitors. Elmer Schrock and daus. spent time with dau. & sister Mark Millers. Bro. Elmer then shared Sun. morn. and eve. messages. Ray & Elva Byler, Whiteville, Tn. and Robert Millers, Plain City, Ohio, came, and Ray had the morn. devotions.

Fri., Dec. 29, Simon Beachys began settling in. Simons had all arrived by 7:30 p.m. Thurs. eve. and spent the night with Sam Millers. Fri. eve. an open house type of reception was planned for Wayne & Sharon Yoder and Jay & Sarie Mast. Both had been former teachers here. The church presented each

couple with a quilt in appreciation for past service.

Sis. Ada Beachy came home from the hospital New Year's Day. Bro. Roman spent most of the time with Ada except when he flew to Ohio for his brother's funeral. Gabriel & Sheila Beachy filled in and stayed an extra day leaving on the 2nd for home after spending a week here.

We also heard their son James and family came the forepart of the week and welcomed Ada home.

Edna Troyer had a quilting on Wed. She invited several sisters from the church and especially invited Ina & Lena Mae Troyer, Paris, Tn. Ina & Lena had pieced the quilt for Edna.

We had overnight guests from Grove City, Mn. Tues. night. Alvin & Mary Helmuth were traveling to Florida and stopped in.

With the addition of the Simon Beachy family, our youth have a much-needed swelling of ranks. We welcome Simons and wish them God's blessings as they become adjusted to a new community and church. Mrs. Connie Beiler

**WHITEVILLE, TN**

Jan. 9--The past week brought us changeable weather; rain, sleet, sunshine and pleasant weather.

There has been much sickness with colds, sore throat, etc. Mrs. Elmer Mast and the L. J. Helmuth family had especially hard doses of it.

Miriam Weaver, Jonestown, Pa. and Esther Lyndaker, Lowville, N.Y. were guests at Vera Byler's home Thurs. night. They were on their way to Tx.

The Mart Eash family, Jesup, Ga., spent most of the week in the area visiting family. Mart was on a construction job for several days with Roger Helmuth.

Roger Helmuth has begun construction of metal buildings for Blitz Co. Most of them have been several hours from home, but he is hoping to line up jobs closer in the area.

Wilbur Byler experienced a painful misfortune when shodding his horse last week. The horse kicked, driving a still unbent nail through the tip of his finger and tearing it out. Being alone, he bandaged it as best he could, but it developed proud flesh. After having a friend cut it out, it seems to be healing slowly and painfully.

Ray Byler also had a rather painful but "elevating" experience when trying to break the ice from the water trough for the sheep. His ram approached swiftly from behind and, upon sudden impact, sent Ray up over the trough and against the fence. Fortunately, he received no serious injury, but I think the ram may be having some training classes.

The Phil Masts (dau. Debra) and Phils' bro. Joel of Seymour, Mo. were visitors here over the weekend. Son Loren killed another doe Sat. morn. and since we already have a good supply of venison in the freezer, we offered Phils venison for their freezer. Dau. Norma went back with Phils to spend this week with Debra.

Mrs. Lloyd Troyer





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# HUNTINGDON, TENN.

Jan. 16--Visitors in church here Sunday were Harvey Hochstetters of Anabel, Mo. who are visiting here at Toby Hochstetters'.

Church was here at the writer's for Freemon Borntragers Sunday. Is to be here again for us Jan. 28.

Mrs. Susan Yoder is here yet at her son Willies'. She and Urias Mullets have plans to leave for Wisc. till Jan. 23.

Weather here is real nice for January. Was in the 60s today.

There were 6 babies born here in '89; 3 boys and 3 girls. There were 2 weddings and we have one school with 29 scholars. One family moved in.

Mrs. Tobias A. Borntrager

Mr. Lloyd Torgue





**PARIS, TENNESSEE****Bethel Fellowship**

Jan. 17--We were having spring-like weather with 60° temperatures. This morning it is raining.

The youth girls enjoyed a waffle supper with Bertha Kauffman on Tuesday evening, Jan. 9. All stayed with her for the night while we were in Canada.

Norman D. Yoders and Andy Wengards served a hot lunch in school on Thursday. The Yoder Brothers' workers also had the privilege to eat lunch with the schoolchildren.

Visitors in services Sunday morning were Raymond Millers and dau. Rebecca, Stuarts Draft, Va. They also attended the hymn singing at Earl Bylers' Sunday evening. Several mothers were absent in the morning services on account of sick children. There is a flu going around with no respecter of person.

Raymond Millers, Eli Nissleys, Earl, Ida, Tillie and Anna Mae Byler were at Simon A. Yoders' for Sunday dinner.

John Nissleys, Norman D. Yoder, Eli Nissleys and Simon A. Yoders attended services at New Boston Sunday evening in behalf of Min. John C. Miller, Millersburg, Ohio being there.

Jake Yoders and John C. Millers made a call here on Mon. forenoon.

Min. Menno Wagler, Eli Nissleys and the youth group had a song service at the Henry Co. Nursing Home in Paris last night, with Menno Wagler having devotions.

The sisters of the church have planned a fellowship dinner today at the writer's for Ruth Conger's birthday.

Lena Mae and Ina Troyer left Monday morning for an extended trip to Ohio, Pa., Va. and West Virginia.

Noah Wengards

**WHITEVILLE, TN.**

Jan. 15--The weather continues rather changeable. A number of people have been down with sickness again. Ray Bylers' 6-yr.-old Anna Louise had a temp. of 106° Sat. morning. They were ready to take her to the emergency room, when a nurse told them to sponge her off first, and with Tylenol it finally broke.

Elmer Mast has not been able to talk above a whisper most of the week due to laryngitis. Diane, 1-yr.-old dau. of Jr. Yoders, spent several days in the hospital due to infection, then her mother came down with a hard case of flu. It seems very few of the families have totally escaped its effects.

While on their trip east, Vera Byler's family was exposed to chicken pox, and since her little Kenneth wasn't feeling well she kept him home over the weekend for fear of exposing others.

David Mast, Levi and Lois Yoder, Sandra Obispo and Merlin Mast left Fri. afternoon to spend the weekend at CBS. Dau. Norma returned with them Sun. eve. after spending a week with her sister, the Phil Masts, at Seymour, Mo.

Floyd Miller, Thomas, Okla., arrived here Sat. morning to accompany Dan Byler to Fla. for a week's vacation.

Ray Bontragers, Arthur, Ill., were supper and overnight guests with the Eli Helmuths Thursday. They were enroute to Fla. also. They also visited the lettuce house and made a few calls.

Lloyd's mother and sister, Ina and Lena Mae Troyer, Paris, Tn., paid us a short visit Sat. afternoon. Lena Mae brought some Norwegian Elkhound puppies that she would like us to sell for her while she and mom go traveling. Dan Byler also brought a litter of Golden Retriever puppies, wondering if we could sell those for him while he's in Fla. Now we've been thinking maybe we need to go traveling, too, but we have a Sheltie that is due to whelp any day, so altogether it seems maybe we'd better wait.

An article in our local paper states that our birds are becoming fewer each year, probably due largely to chemical sprays used in our fields. This somehow doesn't seem quite right, does it? We've very much enjoyed our feathered friends at our bird feeder this winter, and find it an excellent family project.

Mrs. Lloyd Troyer





**COTTAGE GROVE, TN****New Boston Area**

Jan. 15--We are having mild weather, with temperatures rising to the 50's and 60's.

Wilmer and Sue Byler welcome another addition to the family, Jesse Louis, born Jan. 8th. He has two brothers and one sister. Grandparents are Jake and Arie Byler and Joni and Lydia Miller.

Ernest and Leona Yoder moved into the double-wide trailer vacated by her brother Paul Brennemens last week. They now live close to her parents', Carl Brennemens, where Ernest works.

An interesting day was spent in Whiteville, Tn. on Tuesday, when a number of us attended a quilting at the Earl Yoder home. These included Norman and Verna Yoder, Mrs. Stephen Eicher and two children, Mrs. Marvin Yoder, Mrs. Ernest Yoder, Clara Miller, Elmer and Ellen Yoder, Lillian and Verda and Mrs. Darrel Yoder and two children from Mayfield, Ky.

We received the death message Friday morning of Grandma's brother, J. Elmer Yoder of Aroda, Va. Grandma, being in Va. at the time, was deeply grateful for her one last visit with Elmer the day before he died, along with their brother Menno from Norfolk, Va.

Leaving Sat. to attend their uncle's funeral were Elmer and Ellen Yoder, Jr. and Laura Fern Stutzman and baby, Marvin and son Norman Yoder, with Milton and Freda Yoder from Mayfield, Ky. We expect them to return this evening.

Visitors in Locust Grove services yesterday were Minister John C. Miller and wife from Fryburg, Ohio. We had joint services last evening at New Boston in behalf of John C. Lillian Yoder

**CROSSVILLE, TN****Mayland Community**

Jan. 15--Bro. John Mast returned home Fri. eve. to an eager fam. at Nashville Airport from Belgium.

The youth and Jay Mark Masts were dinner guests at Titus Grabers' and had cottage meetings afterwards at Mrs. Fannie Baisley's and Mrs. Katie Sherrill's.

Thurs. several sisters, Mabel Otto, Mary (M.) Miller, Sarie Mast, Mahala Mast and dau. Martha and myself were to Winchester to visit Mrs. Roman Beachy. She is able to be up and is eating a soft diet.

Alvin H. Millers have received their phone. Their number is 615-277-5316. Their address is: Rt. 2, Box 387, Monterey, Tn. 38574. They attended church at Sparta yest. a.m. Our evening service was dismissed for visitation.

This morning a load from Sparta went to Mo. to help on bro. Allen Miller's house at LaRussell. Alvin H. Miller from here accompanied them.

Mrs. Aaron Troyer





**SPARTA, TENNESSEE**

Jan. 22--It seems our winter is over with the mild temperature and rain. Daffodils are peeping thru the ground.

Jan. 12, we spent the day at bro. Roman Beachys'. It was good to see sister Ada feeling much better. The men went to Fayetteville for a load of cotton seed for our use in dairy feed.

Jan. 14, Alvin and Edna Miller and family were our Sun. dinner guests. They went to J. Elmer Witmers' for supper. They are living at Mayland, Tn. while in the States. Their former home is San Marcos, Honduras.

Jan. 15, a van load from here left, coming back Thurs. eve. to help on bro. Allan Miller's new house at LaRussell, Mo.

Our neighbor man, Dexter Haston, is in the hospital a week, dying of cancer. At the age of 18 he was in an accident which paralyzed him from his waist down. He got around in a wheelchair. His job was clerk of deeds at the court-house.

Jan. 18, Calvert's brother Wesley and Louise Petre gave us a surprise visit on their way to Miami with a pickup load of things to leave Miami on boat to go to D.R. Their son Marks and family are living there. Wesleys will fly home, or the bus.

Jan. 19, the school meeting at Mt. Zion was well attended. The six churches represented were Flemingsburg, Ky.; Gap Mills, W. Va.; Paris, Tn.; Crossville and Sparta, Tn. and the church at Deer Lodge, Tn.

Jan. 21, our dinner guests were Philip Knepps and 2 children and Anita, Glenda and Rebecca Knepp (Henry's) of Loogootee, Ind. and David and Mary Witmer and family of here. Bro. Sam and Martha Hostetler of Linn, Mo. were our Sun. eve. supper guests. We had joint hymn singing at church in the eve.

The Petres





**DEER LODGE, TN**

Jan. 21--The weather is mild. Had some heavy rains yest.

The school meetings on Fri. were well-attended. Quite a few attended from other churches and from several other states.

The school is having a week of vacation, so quite a few families are traveling. Eli Hostetler Jrs. are visiting in Oh. and Cochran, Pa. David Schrock went to Stuarts Draft, Va. Elmer Enos Wimers are visiting in Md. and Ohio. John, James, Lydiann and Joseph Yoder went to Cochran, Pa., John and Ruth Witmer, daus. Rebecca and Rhoda went to Harrisonburg, Va., taking Grandfather Koogler home after spending 3 mos. with us. He was 87 years old in Dec. and quite active for his age.

Church services were quite slim this morning with those traveling and some missing from sickness. Joint services are to be held in Sparta this evening.

Sam Fishers from Swanton, Md. were Steve Yoders' overnight guests Jan. 10th. John Wimers

**CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE****Mayland Community**

Jan. 22--We were blessed with many visitors in church yest. a.m. From Linn, Mo. were Bro. Sam Hostetlers from Stuarts Draft, Va. were Allen Millers and Floyd Miller, from Union Star, Ky. was the Clifton Yoder fam., Duane Yoder, and Mrs. Anne Schrock and from Fairview, Mo. were Albert Yoders. Bro. Sam brought the message.

In p.m. was singing at Wharton Nursing Home. Evening service was dismissed for joint hymn singing at Sparta.

Sams took Leah Miller (Alvin H.'s) along back to work at Cedar Crest for 6 mos. The Millers are bros. to Mrs. Jay Mark Mast and visited there. One of them bought his sister's car and took it home.

Albert Schrock brought their grandmother, Mrs. Graber, to Sam Horsts' at Muddy Pond to stay awhile. Anne Schrock accompanied them. Clifton had an extra vehicle going back; they bought a van from Melvin Masts.

Most of our group enjoyed the all-day school mtg. at Grimsley on Fri.

Tues. was sewing day for the sisters at Melvin Masts'. In the evening the youth girls came there to spend the night together before Leah Miller leaves.

Philip Otto and Philip Mast left for Florida on Sat. Today they plan to fly to Paraguay to visit for several weeks. Both had lived there formerly.

Mrs. Aaron Troyer





**BRUCETON, TENNESSEE**

Jan. 24--Very nice spring-like weather after the rains last week. Spring flowers are beginning to peep through the ground.

On Jan. 14 church was at Tobias Borntragers' for Freeman I. Borntragers and is to be there again on Jan. 28th. Strangers in church were Harvey Hochstetters of Anabel, Mo. and Mrs. Susan Yoder of Augusta, Wis. Mrs. Yoder had plans to go home this week with the newlyweds, Ura and Clara Mullet. They plan to make their home in Wisconsin.

Harvey Hochstetters had plans to leave for home Tue. morning. I understand Jonathon Borntragers want to go along, then go to Ind. to pick up some tools.

Vera Eicher is now helping out at the Jonas S. Mast home.

I believe the chicken pox are about to run out. Some of the grown-ups had them rather hard. Daughter Barbara had a backset. She helped along in the house after she felt better again. After she had her backset she was worse then before. She wasn't able to do anything for awhile.

Mrs. Samuel Mast

**PARIS, TENNESSEE****Bethel Fellowship**

Jan. 23--We had thunder and lightning on Friday night and rain for several days. Weather has moderated again with temp. in the 50's.

Jonas Bylers and daughter Kathryn went to Summersville, Mo. on Wed., Jan. 17 to spend sometime with another dau. and family, Lester Bylers. They also wanted to visit in Golden City, Mo. before returning home today.

Leroy Nissleys, Liberty, Ky., Eli A. Nissleys and Viola, Fred Nissleys and Bertha Kauffman were at Eli D. Nissleys' for supper on Wed. evening.

There was no school on Friday so teachers Bertha Kauffman and Arlene Hostetler could attend the school meeting at Mt. Zion Church, Deer Lodge, Tn. Others going were Noah Wengerd, Norman D. Yoders, David Wengards, Eli D. Nissleys and Andy Wengards.

Norman D. Yoder brought the message Sunday morning, and Sun. evening was free for visitation.

Today Simon A. Yoders and 4 married daughters, Mrs. Alvin Schrock Jr., Mrs. David Wengerd, Mrs. John Nissley and Mrs. Jonas Schrock went to Guthrie, Ky. to attend a quilting at Sam Swareys'.

Bible study for the youth is at the school house tonight. Noah Wengards

**COTTAGE GROVE, TN****New Boston Area**

Jan. 22--Had some rain the last of the week, but the skies have cleared.

Elmer and Miriam Beiler took her parents, Yost and Savannah Miller, back to their home in Union Grove, N.C. via Va., spending this past Wed. night at Stuarts Draft. Spending Thurs. night at Union Grove, they left early Fri. morn. for Deer Lodge, Tn. where a Christian Day School meeting was held on Fri.

Some more of our church met them there with the same interests, including our bishop, Norman Yoders, Min. Ervin Yoders and the school board and teachers, Joni Millers, Jake Bylers, Ida Miller, Miriam Ann Miller and Karen Miller. Also Julia Troyer and Lillian Yoder.

Julia received a happy surprise upon her arrival home in the early morning hours, being informed of a new baby sister born Fri. eve., Jan. 19, named Marcia Karol. She weighed 5 lbs. and 7 oz. and claims her parents as Andy and Elsie Troyer. She has 4 sisters and 5 brothers.

Neal Nissley and son David made a trip to Pa. delivering a load of outdoor furnaces.

Jake Yoders and 4 children, Martha, Mary Ellen, Susan and Melvin, Lyndon Yoder and Galen Wagler spent the weekend in Ala., we assume to visit their dau. and sister Emma, the Wayne Yoder family.

Because of the school meeting at Deer Lodge we had no school on Fri. Levi Eichers took advantage of the vacation and took the family to see their parents and grandparents at Kalona, Iowa, spending the weekend there.

Ina Troyer and dau. Lena Mae are taking an extended trip to Hartville, Ohio, Pa., Stuarts Draft, Va. and Gap Mills, W.Va. to visit various family members.

Norman A. Yoders opened their home to the youth group yesterday for dinner and supper, with the hymn singing afterward. Stephen Wagler spent the weekend of the 14th in Orrville, Ala.

Lillian Yoder





**NUNNELLY, TENNESSEE**

Jan. 20--Mild weather prevails. Tuesday highs were in the 70's.

Our regular services for two weeks ago were held on Epiphany at the LeRoy Bontrager home; to be there again tomorrow.

Last Sunday we also had special services at LeRoys because Joe Coblentz of Hillsboro, Wi. was here. Joe and my wife's brother Daniel arrived here Saturday evening and left again Monday afternoon with Greg Molner, who was their driver. They had made stops at Scottsville Ky. and Lobelville, Tn. with plans to also stop at Puxico, Mo. on the way home.

Last Tuesday John Troyers had a frolic to build their new woodworking shop. They build a lot of crafts.

On Wednesday there was a frolic to bury water pipes for LaVerne Schmuckers. Sam Bontragers and LaVernes went together to run a water line from the spring by Truman Bontrager's house to both their places which is over the hill. Back in December during the cold weather this line burst in numerous places and a lot had to be replaced.

Mose Bontrager, also known as Pine Hill Builder, is starting another house on Oak Springs Road.

Wednesday afternoon during the rain showers we cut some logs for a fellow who had to have them that day. Finally we finished and he was loaded and tried to leave but was stuck. He worked for a long time trying to get out. Finally unloading everything, getting the empty truck out after dark and plans to come after his lumber on a drier day.

Paul Hochstetler, who broke his right arm in a hammermill accident last November, now had his cast removed, but still has to wear a splint for a while.

Harvey Hochstetlers stopped here overnight going from Glasgow, Ky. to Huntingdon, Tenn. where they will spend some time with their son, the Toby Hochstetlers. Lester Graber

**ETHRIDGE, TENNESSEE**

Jan. 22--Seems like a lot of things have happened since my last writing 2 weeks ago. In the morn. of the wedding at neighbor Danny U. Gingerichs we left for Scottsville, Ky. when we heard my wife's mother, Mrs. Noah J. Stutzman, was losing out there. We arrived there that Thurs. p.m. and she died the next eve. at 8:00. Funeral was Mon. a.m., Jan. 15th. I'll let the more gifted writers, her sons Joe, Clare, Mich., or Noah, Chesley, Ont., give more details.

Noah N. Stutzmans, Chesley, spent one night and day in this area to visit the Noah J. Zooks, his sis. Sarah, who has cancer and was not able to attend her mother's funeral. She still can hardly keep any food down, altho she has now started eating small amounts like a teaspoonfull at a time, at intervals throughout the day and is sipping a little each day, seemingly with success which gives her a little more hope again. She is very hungry.

Their son Daniel and dau. Elizabeth of Sonora, Ky. are spending the weekend with them.

After the funeral we got a ride with the Dennis L. Zooks to Park City settlement where we took in the wedding at my Bro. Mosies', Jan. 18, there. Dennises also gave us a team to make a stop in at Ivan Shetlers' and Enos A. Yoders' and dinner at the Andy R. Troyers', Glasgow settlement the next day.

A few of this settlement attended the weddings at Park City. Maybe that scribe will give the names. Our sons Abies and Mosies are on a trip to Clare, Mich., Chesley, Ont. and Heuvelton, N.Y.

Bro. Ura's son Jacob and dau. Lizzie are on a trip to Heuvelton, N.Y. and Chesley, Ont. All of these also took in Park City, Ky. Our dau. Katie is taking on Lizzie's teaching job while they are gone.

The flu has cut school attendance pretty low in some schools here, altho it hasn't come to my school yet.

Little 3-year-old son Paul of Jonas A. Millers got his leg broken and in traction at home for 2 weeks and expect they have to keep it that way for 2 more weeks.

Son-in-law Peter J. Gingerichs are making themselves at home in Georgia for a couple weeks.

Witnesses for Peter (Dan) Gingerich and Emma (Danny) Gingerich were his bro. Dennis and Lydia J. Gingerich, her sis. Susan and John J. Hostetler.

The John P. Gingerichs' baby has gained enough that he was allowed to be moved down to Murry Co. Hospital, Columbia.

Here for the wedding from Ohio were widow Mrs. Em. Miller (Mary) and her dau. Susie, the John Petersheims.

Jacob J. Gingerich





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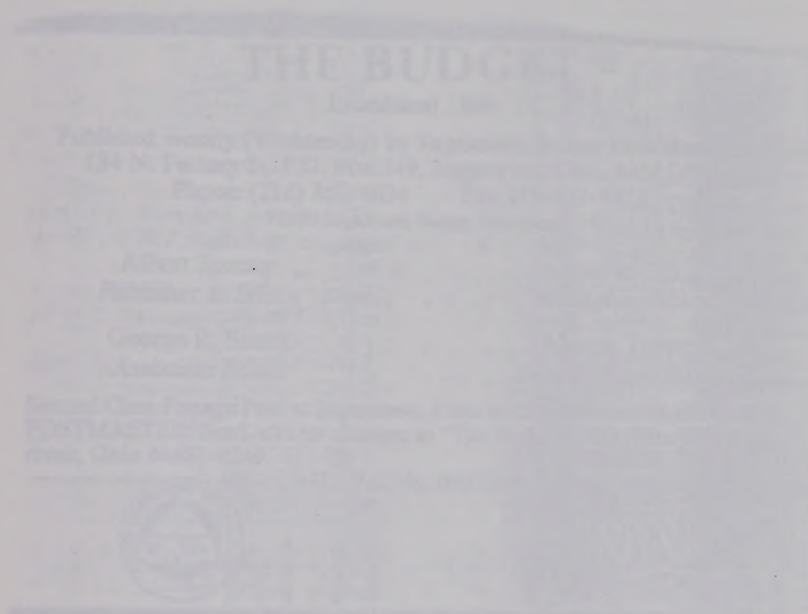








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## COTTAGE GROVE, TN

### New Boston Area

Feb. 5--We've had lots of rain again, totaling approx. 8 inches for the week. We've had mild and spring-like temp. most of the week, but has turned some cooler again. Tulips and daffodils are pushing through.

Marcia Karol, tiny dau. of Andy and Elsie Troyer, spent a day and 2 nights in the McKenzie hospital this past week with yellow jaundice. She seems to be doing alright again, making her first appearance in church services yesterday.

The Elmer Beiler and Marvin Yoder families were happily surprised on Fri. afternoon when their parents drove in unexpectedly, John and Barbara Beiler from Stuarts Draft, Va. They made a stopover at Crossville, Tn. Thurs. night, traveling on to Paris the next day and were visitors in our services yest.

Sharon Miller (Alvas) is trying to get used to being without teeth, having had them all removed last week. It will be several weeks before she gets her dentures.

Teacher Karen Miller took a flying trip to Fla. to spend the weekend there with some friends. Her father, Lester, will substitute in her stead until her return later in the day.

Ervin Yoders and Ray Millers traveled to Paris, Mo. to be there for the weekend.

Carl Brennemans, with her bro. Wm. R. Yoders from Ohio, spent the weekend with Eli R. Yoders in Mayfield, Ky. Williams, along with John J.C. Millers, also from Ohio, had arrived here Fri. eve. enroute to Whiteville, Tn. to attend a meeting concerning insurance.

Albert Waglers and Raymond Millers were in Mayfield for the weekend. We assume Alberts wanted to be there for the publishing of their dau. Susan and Louis Kauffman. Susan has made her home in Mayfield for the past several years.

Ella Mae Garber, who has spent a week and a half with Neal Nissleys, plans to return to her home in Salem, Ind. again Tues. morn. with her cousin David Nissley. Norman Beachys from Salem expect to return with David Tues. eve. with plans to stay most of the week to help Joni Millers on their house. Jonis are living in the basement of their new home.

Elmer and Edna Schrock and baby made a brief trip to Freeport, Ohio, attending a wedding on Jan. 27th. Their 4 oldest children stayed with their grandparents, Jake Hostetlers.

Lillian Yoder





### DEER LODGE, TENNESSEE

Feb. 5--We are still enjoying mild weather. Had lots of rain on Sat. The weeping willow trees are showing green. Grass is greening up. The frogs are hollering, "It's spring."

Lonnie Miller from Crossville were visitors in services yesterday. Bro. Lonnie brought the message. Billy Winningshams were also visitors in services.

Amanda and Rebecca Kulp from Mt. Hermon, Ky. brought Lena Martin to Paul Witmers' Jan. 20th. Lena traveled with Naomi Witmer and Susie Moyer from Sparta to Pa. the next day.

Amanda and Rebecca stopped in at John Witmers' for a short visit before returning home.

Raymond Millers from Stuarts Draft, Va. were David Schrock's dinner guests on Tue.

Sisters' sewing is planned for tomorrow at Johns'. John Witmer

### LOBELVILLE, TENNESSEE

Feb. 8--We had some torrential downpours over the weekend, causing heavy flooding of bottom lands. Even our small farm creek got violent, taking off a bank and fence with it.

Dad is in the process of setting up a harness shop in our old house.

Unknown to me, the travelers to Belize had returned Jan. 29th.

Tues. evening Perry Glicks and dau. Magdalena and Rebecca left by bus for a 5-6 week visit to Belize. Paul Lavys and dau. Ruth and Anna also left Tues. with Gene Hobgoods of Miss. They planned to be at the Hobgoods' for the night. Then they and the Hobgoods will drive to the border where they plan to park their vehicle and meet Perrys. Pauls and Genes will travel with Perrys by bus to Belize. Pauls and Genes plan to return in about 4 weeks.

Tobie Beachys spent approx. 1½ weeks in Berne, Ind. recently visiting the Noah Nolt family and other relatives. They traveled to Ind. with Virginia Laffoon, who then went on to Oh. to her parents', the Norman Garbers'.

Spending the day at Marion, Ky. yest. were the Joe, Lewis, Simon, Raymond, Henry and Tobie Beachy families and Eli and Henry A. Mast families, except John and Matilda. John is down with the flu.

Recently Andy Masts of Dover, Dela. spent part of the day in the area visiting their children, the Simon Beachys and Eli and Henry A. Masts.

Our family is having a rough time snapping out of the flu. But none has been dragging along as long as the writer. It is now nearly 4 weeks that I took sick. Even the doctor doesn't seem to be able to help much. About 2 weeks ago I pretty well lost my hearing. Doctor says it must be a swelling inside somewhere.

Born to Guillermo and Eleanor Harris on Jan. 28th was another little Miss named Eloraine. She has 8 sisters and one bro.

Tom and Priscilla (Lavy) Penner of Belize arrived Tues. evening to see her twin bros. at her parents', the John Lavys'. They'll no doubt be visiting elsewhere too while in the States.

Byler Sisters





**WHITEVILLE, TN**

Feb. 5--We've had rain and more rain the last week, but today was a beautiful sunshiny day. Over the weekend some roads were closed due to high water, and rivers overflowed their banks. The ground is thoroughly saturated at present. Several of our families were having water problems in their basements.

The Motorists Aid leveling meeting was held at our school Sat., bringing numerous visitors from other states. Some returned to their homes again Sat. night (from Mo. and Ill.). Several stayed for the weekend. Those remaining for our Sun. morn. church services were the John J.C. Millers, Millersburg, Ohio; the Freeman Bylers, Middlefield, Ohio; the Robert Gingeriches, Minerva, Ohio; and the Jonas Yoders from McConnellsville, Ohio. John J.C. Miller preached for us at the morn. and eve. service.

The Leon Millers, Millersburg, Ohio were visitors with the E. Lloyd Masts, and together they visited Calvary Bible School where they both have daughters attending.

The LaVern Eash family was exposed to measles at Jesup, Ga., so the children and Carolyn have been staying home to prevent exposing others in case they break out.

Son Loren had a painful experience Thurs. while doing some carpentry. The saw kicked and hit his hand, cutting his thumb and two fingers. It seems to be healing alright, but he still has a splint on the index finger. As it was his right hand, he is learning to eat and write left-handed.

Eli Helmuth also had an unhappy meeting Sat. on his way to a sale. A construction crew was working on a new road and as Eli came over the crest of a hill, a line of traffic had stopped and Eli ran into the back of the last vehicle. The driver, of all things, turned out to be an insurance agent. Eli was not hurt and was able to drive his truck home.

Mrs. Lloyd Troyer

**CROSSVILLE, TN****Mayland Community**

Feb. 5--Services yest. a.m. were slim with a number missing. Bro. Lonnie Millers and several children were to Grimsley. Eli, Ben and Polly Miller and Nathan Miller were to Stuarts Draft, Va. to visit the John Schrock. The Philips (Otto and Mast) are still on their Paraguay-Belize trip. Titus Grabers, Rachel and Priscilla Troyer were to Fairview and LaRussell, Mo. for the weekend. Enroute they planned to visit Ruth Otto, teaching at Harrison, Ark.

It was very wonderful to see Mrs. John Miller in church again. She came for the preaching only.

In p.m. several brethren had a service at the jail and several families sang at the hospital.

Overnight guests at Moses Millers' Thurs. night were John Beilers of Stuarts Draft. David Schrock of Grimsley also joined them to visit that eve.

Lilah Miller and Orpha Troyer are substituting for Rachel in school today.

Alvin Ottos went to Whiteville on Fri. p.m. to attend the auto aid leveling mtg. on Sat.

Not so good news is the first person has contracted measles at Sparta.

Mrs. Aaron Troyer

**SPARTA, TENNESSEE**

Feb. 5--The weather brought 3" rain Sat. Pastures are getting green, crocuses are blooming. Robins are hopping around. The streams and rivers are full and water is standing in fields.

Bro. Mahlon Petres went to the Nashville Airport the 27th to get son Stephen after being in Honduras and Costa Rica for several weeks. Since Stephen is home he broke out with the measles.

Our neighbor, Dexter Haston, passed away Jan. 24. He was paralyzed from his waist down from an auto accident at the age of 18. He was the Registrar of Deeds in Sparta for 24 yrs.

J. Elmer Witmer's Naomi, Susie Moyer and Lena Martin traveled to Pa. the 27th of Jan. Naomi attended Bible School at Royers Church, staying with her sister, the David Rohrsers while there. Susie spent the week with Ellen Yannyon and children at Pinegrove, Pa.

Daughter Ada Marie and Dwight came to spend the day the 30th while Charles and Calvert did some business.

Chester Petres' evening visitors on Wed. eve. were Scott and Anna (Hostetler) Reed (newlyweds) and Matthew Hostetler. They were visiting her parents at Altamont.

The Petres





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## ETHRIDGE, TENNESSEE

Feb. 5--Beautiful weather after about 4" rain Fri. and Sat. Some had started slowing.

I finally gave up schoolteaching on the wheelchair after 3 days of it and went to bed and spent most of my time there since. The chiropractor says I have a ruptured disc. If he is right I might be in bed awhile longer. So why not give my mailbox a little more business at R.R. 2, Box 493, 38456.

East church was at Levi E. Gingerichs' yest. with plan to be at our son Bens', Feb. 18. Strangers were Pre. Abe A. Swartzentrubers of Lodi, Oh. area and possibly others.

Others in this area over Sun. are Andy G. Yoders and Joe S. Hostetlers of Park City, Ky. and Dea. Mahlon Lambrights of Senora, Ky.

The Park City folks are here for the wedding at Pete H. Gingerichs' of Thurs. I believe the rest started out for their homes today, plus Dea. Noah J. Hostetlers and Sarah L. Hershbergers.

North church was last Fri. on behalf of Pre. Abe A. Swartz. at John J. Yoders'. Next plans to be at Herman P. L. Gingerichs' Feb. 18.

Born to Alvin E. Masts, a dau. Iva. Grands are Joe A. Yoders and Enos J. Masts.

Feb. 7--The flu bug has got into our school and our family now.

Our county newspaper shows pictures where a tornado touched down in the lower end of our county. It picked up a car, carried it 1/4 mile, dropped it in Glenn Watson's front yard where it tore their dairy barn apart and luckily only killed one cow and calf.

Sarah (Mrs. Noah) Zook is probably not gaining any although she has been able to hold down a little food again the last several days.

The Joe A. Yoders are building a small house on their place for their son-in-law Mose L. Hershbergers to live in.  
Jacob J. Gingerich

## NUNNELLY, TENNESSEE

Feb. 3--We are having much spring-like weather. It is raining again this morning. Grass is starting to turn green.

Church services were held at the LeRoy Bontrager home two weeks ago, with plans to have it at the Truman Borntrager residence tomorrow.

The Reese Mule sale in Dickson was well attended last week the way it sounded. Amish from several states attended, including Ky., Ind. and Penn. Over 900 mules and horses were reported to have been at the sale. One man said he went Thursday evening and there were so many people there he couldn't get close enough to even see a mule, much less see one sell.

The past season's deer harvest was Hickman County's largest, with over 5500 deer being taken. Hickman County was the No. 1 county in Tenn. again this year in number of deer taken. Total taken in state was around 105,000.

Back in the early 1970's Hickman County was also the state leader in number of deer taken when 300 were harvested. Deer herds have grown constantly since then. This must be the result of wildlife conservation practices which probably makes it nice for the deer hunter but what about the poor farmer whose crops they eat? And believe me, a herd of deer can soon strip down a small field.

A retired farmer and banker from McMinnville, who is now in the Madison Health Care Village, has been quilting for 11 yrs. Flavil Patton, 82, says he asks \$5,000 apiece for his quilts and has sold several now for \$2,500. Each one is unique as he uses no patterns.

Lester Graber





## PARIS, TENNESSEE

## Bethel Fellowship

Feb. 6--The groundhog saw its shadow in this area on Feb. 2. We are having plenty of moisture with another 3" of rain last week.

Jonas and Olive Byler left on Thursday morning from Nashville, Tn. airport for Atlanta, Ga. to meet Jesse and Martha Yoder, Selinsgrove, Pa. to travel together to Honduras. They will also go to Costa Rica for the Peachy-Yoder wedding which will be Feb. 9th.

Timothy Yoder and Nathan Byler left from Memphis, Tn. airport on Thursday morning for Albuquerque, N. Mexico to meet William McGrath and others on a tour to the Mimbres Valley about the interest of starting a mission there. They came home again Monday evening.

The Eli D. Nissley family visited in the Nelson Hershberger home in Mayfield, Ky. on Wed. evening.

Those coming from Guthrie, Ky. on Friday to attend a quilting at Simon A. Yoders' were: Mrs. Ben Kanagy, Mrs. Robert Yoder and dau. Carol and Lena, Mrs. Noah Yoder and dau. Martha, Mrs. Freeman Schlabach and dau. Rhoda, Mrs. Aden Coblentz and dau. Viola and Sarah Yoder. Mrs. Elmer A. Yoder (local) was there in the afternoon to spend some time with her cousins.

Friday evening a meeting was held at the schoolhouse in behalf of a Brotherhood Automobile Aid plan, where Alvin Otto of Crossville, Tn. and John J.C. Miller of Shreve, Ohio shared with us the function and testimonial effects of the aid plans.

John J.C. Millers were supper and overnight guests with us Friday night. Alvin Ottos were at Ervin Yoders' for overnight. They both left for Whiteville, Tn. Sat. morning for a meeting there.

Noah Miller Jr., Linn, Mo. was at Lee Hostetlers' Friday night and also attended the meeting in Whiteville on Sat. coming back to Lees' Sat. evening. Eli and Sarah Schrock, Linn, Mo., accompanied Noah Jr. and visited her mother, Mrs. Tillie Byler, leaving for their homes on Sunday afternoon.

Visitors in Sunday morning services were Noah Miller Jr., Eli Schrock, Mo..

Raymond Millers, Stuarts Draft, Va. and their son Melvin from Ind. where he is teaching school at present. Hymn singing was at Paul Hostetlers' Sunday evening.

Norman D. Yoders visited Alvin Yoders', Hickory, Ky. on Monday evening, taking supper along. They also made a few other calls in the area.

Lee Hostetlers opened their home for the church quilting tomorrow.

Noah Wengerds





## PARIS, TENNESSEE

### Bethel Fellowship

Feb. 13--Signs of spring are appearing as the forsythia and crocuses are starting to bloom.

The Alvin Yoder family, Hickory, Ky., was at the viewing of Mrs. Lester Odom in Paris on Tuesday evening, Feb. 6.

Jonathon Hostetlers, Pa., stopped at his parents' (Jacob Hostetlers') on their way home from a southern trip. Thursday evening the Hostetler family had a carry-in supper at Elmer Schrock's. Jonathons left on Fri. morning for their home.

Anna Mae Byler went to Summersville, Mo. on Friday traveling on to Golden City, Mo. on Sat. to visit the Paul Brenneman family. Mrs. Tillie Byler accompanied her to visit her daughter Sarah, Eli Schrock's, in Linn, Mo.

Friday evening Elmer L. Yoders had a nut picking for the youth group.

Eli D., Mary, Henry, Ruth and Nathan Nissley left for Va., Del. & Pa. on Sat. morning. Suppose one of them had special interests in Catlett, Va. How about it Henry? They plan to come home

this week sometime. Everett Yoders are doing their chores while they are gone.

Elwood Yoders were visiting their relatives in Guthrie, Ky. over the weekend.

Hymn singing was well attended by both young and old at Simon A. Yoders' on Sunday evening.

Jonas and Olive Byler are planning to come home today from Costa Rica.

Timothy Yoders, Paul Kaufmans, Hickory, Ky., Floyd Yoder and Bertha Kauffman were at Fred Nissleys' last night, when Timothy gave a report on his New Mexico trip. They were also there for supper.

Noah Wengerds





**COTTAGE GROVE, TN****New Boston Area**

Feb. 12--Weather remains unseasonably warm. We had another several inches of rain last week. The spring peepers are singing their springtime music again.

The Milton Yoder family from Mayfield, Ky. was at Marvin Yoders' for the eve. Tues. along with her parents, John Beilers from Stuarts Draft, Va. and Elmer Beilers. Johns left Wed. afternoon for Mayfield to spend some time there with Miltons.

Alvin D. Bylers from Catlett, Va. were in the area last week visiting her sister Jerry Stutzmans and other relatives.

Norman Beachy, Salem, Ind., has been working on Joni Miller's house this past week. Lester and Thelma Beachy took Normans to Mayfield Sat., both spending the weekend there.

Eli Hershbergers from Md. spent several days with her sister Neal Nissleys, arriving on Wed. They traveled on to Guthrie, Ky. for the weekend.

Larry Nissley (Leroy), Lancaster, Pa., spent the weekend with his uncle, Neal Nissleys.

Visiting at Paul Waglers' on Fri. were Nelson Troyers from Olive Hill, Tenn.

Alfred Gingerich, Leroy, Mich., arrived by bus at Mayfield, Ky. on Fri. with Duane and Brenda Yoder bringing them on to Paris where they have spent the last several days with her parents, Wally Yoders and other members of the family. Ervin Waglers plan to take Alfreds to Belvidere, Tenn. today to visit his brother Samuel Gingerichs.

Norman Yoders and son Floyd, Carl Brennemans and dau. Susanna, Eli R. Yoders from Mayfield, Ky., Miriam Yoder, Ruby Stutzman and Stephen Wagler all spent the weekend in Orrville, Ala.

Lillian Yoder

**ETHRIDGE, TENNESSEE**

Feb. 13--Very spring-like, a strong south wind at 68°. Another 2 inches rain holds up plowing.

Middle church was at Ura A. Gingerichs'. To be at Noah P. Gingerichs', Feb. 25. Strangers were Joe S. Hostetlers of Park City, Ky.

The Menno E. Masts of Heuvelton, N.Y. were also in the area, probably in West church at Joe A. Yoders'. Mennos are on the way to attend her brother's wedding at Park City, Ky. which is today. Eli N. Stutzman and Mennos left Mon. a.m.

Some of the Joe U. Gingerichs, widows Mrs. Sam Yoder (Lydian) and Mrs. John B. Zook and some of Andy S. Yoders and Paul A. Millers also intended to go for the same wedding.

We got word today that the father of Frank Jones died and the funeral will be tomorrow at Columbia, Tn. Frank was to have surgery for a tumor of the bladder tomorrow.

I kept pretty well in contact with my bed last week. I'm still pretty touchy, but was back to school yest. and today most of the time. I wore a brace which I feel I couldn't get on without.

Uncle Herman P. Gingerich and son David left for Lodi, Ohio Mon. to take in the wedding at Uncle Jonas's, then they want to go visit Uncle Amoses at Clare, Mich.

Born to Mahlon D. Gingerichs a son Ephrim Feb. 5. Grands are my bro. Daniels and Eli N. Stutzmans.

Noah Zook Sarah continues to keep a little food down, but does not think she feels any better. She now weighs only 80 lbs.

My mother complains more about her back the last while, but still gets out on the wheelchair some.

Jacob J. Gingerich





## CROSSVILLE, TN

### Mayland Community

Feb. 12--Several families were missing from church yest. The Perry Miller fam. was to Ill. to visit her kin. Caroline Miller accompanied them to visit her cousins Wanda and Darrel Miller.

Melvin Masts and several children left Fri. morn. for McVeytown, Pa. to visit their son Daniel, teaching there. They took Socorro Martinez along up. She'd been staying at Titus Grabers' about 6 weeks taking English lessons. Also accompanying Melvins were Alvin H. Millers and 5 children.

They expect to visit Daniel's school this morn. before leaving and also make a stop at James Lowry's in Md.

The youth were dinner guests at Moses Millers' yest., then sang for their neighbors, Jack Whittakers.

Eli Miller learned (hopefully) the hard way it doesn't pay to weld without a helmet. He could hardly open his eyes for the intense pain.

Andy L. and Amanda Miller from McConnelsville, Ohio greatly favored us as supper and overnight guests. They were enroute home from S.C. where they helped a week in construction and cooking for construction workers. They visited at Winchester Sat. eve. and yest.

We received word of the passing of Bill F. Miller of Pa. His first wife was my Aunt Sylvia. Funeral and burial at Sharon and Bethel in Holmes Co., Ohio.

Mrs. Aaron Trover

## HUNTINGDON, TENN.

Feb. 14--We had a hard rain Friday night.

Church was at Freeman Masts' Sunday. Is to be there again for Nathanael Borntragers, Feb. 25.

Early this morning Nathanael Borntragers and 2 girls, Freeman Masts and children and Jonas S. Masts and son and Vera Eicher left for Bowling Green, Mo. They also want to visit in Clark, Mo. They also want to take Vera home. She had been here for 2 months.

Mrs. Tobias Borntrager

## NUNNELLY, TENNESSEE

Feb. 17--Spring-like weather prevails, although it's in the upper 20s again this morning; lately it's been in the 30s and 40s. Grass is greening up, and fruit trees are budding out, also others. Its just about too early for spring, but we have so many signs of it.

Church at Truman Borntragers' last time, to be there again tomorrow. Since it had rained most of the day before that the creek was up by Olen Bontragers' so that they had to come around through Bon Aqua. It must not have been a big problem because they were the first ones there.

Jonas and Susie Miller of Middlebury, Ind. surprised us last Sun. afternoon when they dropped in to visit and stayed for the night. They had planned to go to Hiseville, Ky. the next day by bus to their dau.'s, the Fred Ottos', however after visiting with Noah 'Hochstetlers and staying there for dinner, at Jonas' request we all went to Lobelville, Tenn. that afternoon with Gene Snyder's van and visited with Joe J. Miller, Dwayne Kauffmans, Percy Glick and Joe C. Millers. It was late by the time we got back.

The next day Gene Snyder took Jonas and Susie Miller to Shelbyville, Tenn. where they wanted to visit a few friends yet before leaving for Ky.

Mose Borntragers received a wedding invitation from Canton, Mo. of Mary Hochstetler this coming Tues. They plan to leave on Mon. morning with Gene Snyder who took a load from Huntingdon, Tenn. up this week and will be going after them next week. Since Katie Ann is also going along, my wife will probably be the substitute for the next week or 2 or till they come back again.

Since Bobby and Glenda Mullens of Fairview, Tenn. would have liked to go to Ky. we went with them on Tues. and spent the day with Felty and Betty Yoder. I think we all enjoyed the day. Also stopped in at Amos and Ella Bontrager's on the way home where they are in the process of building new buildings on a piece of ground they bought last fall, moving from here in Dec. Jonas Bontrager has a new LT30 Woodmizer which I think he really enjoys.

Lester Graber





## WHITEVILLE, TENNESSEE

Feb. 12--Rain, rain; we have had lots of it the past week, but the sun is out brightly again. The maple trees are red with buds and forsythia are blooming. Frogs are chirping and it feels like spring, but with half of Feb. and March still ahead of us, we're afraid our cold weather isn't over yet. We had some tornado weather last week, with a tornado touching down about 60 miles north of us, but heard of no serious damage.

The E. Lloyd Masts left Fri. morn. for Calico Rock, Ark. to pick up daus. Gloria and Julia, then went on to LaRus-sel, Ind. for the weekend to visit the Paul Kings.

Allen Helmuth and Kevin Yoder left Thurs. for Lansing, Mn. to attend the program at Maranatha Bible School Fri. night and, of course, Kevin wished to escort home his friend Malinda Byler who, with her bro. Wilbur, had attended there for 3 weeks. They made several stops in Mo. before returning home.

The Mervin Hostetlers and Jerry Yod-ers from Russellville, Ky. were overnight guests with the Ray Bylers Fri. night. Sat. they all attended an annual woodwor-kers' convention in Tupelo, Ms.

There were several loads of youth in the area Fri. night on their way home from C.B.S. One group was from Min-erva, Oh. and the other from Aroda, Va. Ramona Overholt, Minerva, was rather distressed to find that her suitcase some-how was left at C.B.S.

Karen Troyer, one of our teachers, was very pleased, to have as weekend guests her parents, the Ollie Troyers, and her aunt, Mrs. Lizzie Wagler, all from Hutchinson, Ks. They arrived in time for the teachers' surprise birthday party at the school Fri. afternoon (both our

teachers have Feb. birthdays) and left again Mon.

Fishing seems to be pretty good just now. Vernon Helmuth was pleased to catch a stringer of 9 large bass one afternoon.

LaVern Eashs' children are still being kept at home due to exposure to measles. Bryan has now broken out with them. After the second week of staying home, time gets to seem rather long for them.

The E. Lloyd Masts had a very myste-rious occurrence last week when their men's underwear all disappeared. Their first thought was that they had gotten into a wrong drawer, but they cannot find any, except what had been in the laundry at the time. Sharon had just laundered two days before they dis-covered them gone, and says she remem-bers putting away a large stack of them. They did not notice any other missing items.

Mrs. Lloyd Troyer





**COTTAGE GROVE, TN****New Boston Area**

Feb. 19--Since our 3.8 in. rain on Thursday, the weather has turned cooler.

Owen Daniel received a happy welcome into the home of Steven and Linda Yoder, making his arrival on Tues. morning, Feb. 13. He weighed 9 lbs. and 4 oz. and has one brother and one sister. Grandparents are Jake Yoders and Elmer A. Yoders.

Marlin Farmwalds from Mayfield, Ky. and his sister, the Steve Sommers and baby from Spencer, Wisc. were in the area on Wed. visiting with friends.

Joni Millers took Norman Beachys back to their home in Salem, Ind. on Tues. Norman had spent the week before working on Joni's new house.

Leroy Nissleys from Oakland, Md. were visitors at his brother Neal's from Mon. eve. to Friday. Having received the death message of their uncle Adam Miller from Stuarts Draft, Va., Leroy and Neals and two children both left for the funeral Friday morning. Leroy expected to travel on home from Va. Alva Millers accompanied Neals, planning to return this evening.

We eagerly await their arrival, since we expect them to bring Grandma along back, Mrs. Elmina Yoder, who has been visiting family in various states since the first of Jan.

Loyal Waglers, with his parents Paul Waglers, spent the weekend in Orrville, Ala.

Kathryn Miller from Stuarts Draft, Va. was a visitor in New Boston services yesterday.

Jacob Derksens opened their home for the New Boston youth yesterday, having them for dinner and supper and the hymn singing afterward.

Lillian Yoder





## PARIS, TENNESSEE

### Bethel Fellowship

Feb. 20--Uria Millers and Simon A. Yoders served a hot lunch at the school on Feb. 14.

Earl Yoders, Whiteville, Tn. and Alvin Yoders, Hickory, Ky. were at Yoder Bros. Meat Processing on Wednesday. Earls helped to cut up a pig that they brought up on Tues. to have dressed.

Lloyd Troyers, Whiteville, Tn. brought a load of frozen foods up on Wednesday for this community.

Youth meeting was at the schoolhouse on Thurs. evening.

Menno Waglers and Earl Bylers were visiting Adam Bylers and Henry Bylers in Guthrie, Ky. on Thursday.

Teacher Bertha Kaufman took her first and second graders to sing for Lulu Freeman, a colored lady, on Friday afternoon.

Raymond Miller, Stuarts Draft, Va. was the only visitor in Sunday morning services. The youth group, Paul Wengards and Everett Yoders were at Lee Hostetlers' Sunday evening for supper and fellowship.

Sunday dinner guests at Uria Millers' were Raymond Miller, Noah Wengards, Bertha Kauffman and Lena Mae Troyer.

Anna Mae Byler came home today from Mo. bringing Mrs. Lester (Jean) Byler and children with her to visit her family (Jonas Bylers) until Lester comes

for the weekend to take the family home again.

The youth group and Simon A. Yoders sang at the Henry Co. Nursing Home tonight, with Simon having devotions.

Some early garden vegetables have been planted, but with the heavy rain we had last Thurs. some of the seed was washed out.

Noah Wengards

## CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE

### Mayland Community

Feb. 19--Yest. p.m. bros. John Mast and Lonnie Miller went to Stuarts Draft, Va. Today John continues on to Lanc., Pa. where he'll have meetings for the Summit View Congregation.

Lonnie is returning today with his wife Mary and 2 children, Eli and Kathryn, who spent the weekend in Stuarts Draft.

Yest. p.m. was singing at Wharton Nursing Home. It was decided to cancel the joint service because of the measles at Sparta.

Visitors in evening service were Robert and Lois (Hege) Loewen and dau. enroute to their home in Canada from teaching school in Belize. They were overnight guests of Alvin Ottos.

Philip Mast and Philip Otto returned home Sat. eve. from their trip to Paraguay and Belize. Mrs. Aaron Troyer





**DEER LODGE, TENN.**

Feb. 19--We're still enjoying mild weather. Lots of robins are seen hopping around and willow trees are green.

Pete Waglers from Cochran, Pa. were overnight guests at Eli Hostetler Jrs'. and present at Wed. eve. prayer meeting.

Eli and Anna Yoder left for Ohio on Thurs. planning to spend a little time with Anna's parents, then going on to Cochran, Pa. where bro. Eli was scheduled to preach in their weekend services.

Oscar Yoders' Marcus, age 4, spent overnight and one day in the hospital for observation after having fallen from a plank into the basement where Eli D. Yoders are building a part to their house. This happened on Thurs. evening. He was unconscious, but soon revived, but complained of head and stomachache. He seems okay again.

David and Miriam Schrock and daughters Christine and Judith left Fri. in the wee hours of the morning for Va. to attend a former neighbor lady's funeral on Fri. and also Adam Miller's funeral on Saturday. They returned home Saturday night.

Steve Yoder's guests this weekend were his mother Mrs. Mattie Yoder and sister Uria and Dayle Ann Kanagy & family from Swanton, Md. Bro. Uria presented the message in our morning and evening worship services.

Other visitors in Sun. morning worship services were Murray Stahls from Port Trevorton, Pa. and Ivan Petres of Sparta were present in the evening.

John Witmers

**ETHRIDGE, TENNESSEE**

Feb. 19--Another 1.7 inch rain the latter part of week which really greened things up. Easter lilies are out. Some women have put a few garden seeds in the ground. It has now proved out that oat fields are pretty much frozen. I believe wheat is o.k.

North church was at Herman P. Gingerichs'. Next at Levi A. Gingerichs'. East at our son Bens'. Next at Abe D. Gingerichs', both March 4th.

Strangers were Emanuel E. Hostetlers of Park City, Ky. also Andy E. Stutzmans.

Some of Pre. Joe S. Yoders' children of Heuvelton, N.Y. are in this area. Mrs. John Nolt and son Ezra of Scottsville, Ky. are or were also in this area.

Neighbor Eli E. Millers returned from a trip to Ohio. Noah A. Yoders want to return on Thurs.

Published yest. were Wilber A. Masts (widower) and Fannie A. Miller.

Witnesses for Jacob S. Hostetler and Elizabeth P. Gingerich on Feb. 8th were his sister Katie and Joe U. Gingerich and her sister Iva and Joe N. Hostetler.

Moses (cancer patient son of Daniel M. Gingerichs) is pretty much on the go again.

I took my first buggy ride this eve. since I hurt my back. I went over to see my mother. She still complains of backache. Nurses think more company to get her mind on something else would help. Her address: Lizzie Gingerich, c/o Levi J. Hershberger, Rt. 2, Box 541, Ethridge, Tn. 38456.

Widow Susie A. Yoder is also not well.

Mahlon E. Stutzmans are having a frolic tomorrow to put an addition to their barn.

The newlyweds, Jacob S. Hostetlers, are fixing to build a temporary or maybe a skid house on the old Gang place. I understand somewhere on the north side of the road.

A death message was received of the young child of Mose E. Troyers of Park City, Ky.

Jacob J. Gingerich





**BRUCETON, TENNESSEE**

Feb. 23--Spring-like weather. We are having lots of rains. Spring flowers are blooming. Frogs have been croaking for several weeks.

Church was at Freeman S. Masts' and is to be there again for Nathaniel L. Borntragers on Feb. 25.

Last week Jacob Lees and 2 daughters were to Bowling Green, Mo. The children that didn't go to school were here. The scholars were at Jonas J. Masts'.

Pre. Freeman S. Masts, Jonas S. Masts, Nathaniel L. Borntragers and Amos S. Mast were to different parts of Mo. Vera Eicher (John) of Bowling Green, Mo. went home with them. She had been here since Dec. They came home last night around midnight.

Jonas J. Mast was again in the hospital in Nashville a few days. They were going to do surgery on his back, but his bone disease hasn't been stopped yet so they didn't do surgery. They went to bring him home yesterday. The surgery would have been to deaden a nerve so he doesn't have so much pain. He has lots of pain in his back and isn't hardly able to do any work.

Mrs. Samuel Mast

**SPARTA, TENNESSEE**

Feb. 19--We are having an abundance of rain. Daffodils are blooming. Roses are pushing their new growth. We have a plum tree blooming which will be sure to get froze. We can still expect heavy frosts. It's garden planting time, but no gardens are planted yet.

Stephen Petre is back to work after being sick with the measles. Two weeks later Christine and Jalon came down with them. They were very sick children for several days, running 104° fever. Mahlons have kept themselves isolated during this time. The families here took meals in to them for a week.

Peter Moyers had the pinkeye and were also out of school for a week. They got drops from the dr. which seemed to help the discomfort. The twins, Joseph and Jonathan, caught 2 bobcats in their snares a couple days apart. One weighed 18 lbs. and the other 20. The boys were real pleased to get \$50 for each.

We were to visit a former friend, Charles Brown, at Altamont. At the age of 87 he still drives a truck, buying and selling cattle. Charles and his married daughter took us out to dinner which seems to be a native kindness.

The sisters' sewing was last week. The project was making comforters.

We were to visit Sophia (Ma) Hale Sun. evening who will be 100 yrs. old in October. She has a very good mind, fair hearing, but her one eye has poor sight. She still pieces quilts for her family and friends. She quoted all the books of the Bible for us and has memorized how many chapters are in each book.

We are looking forward to Bro. Dan Esh of Flemingsburg, Ky. coming for services over next weekend.

Calvert Petres





## CROSSVILLE, TN

### Mayland Community

Feb. 26--Our visitors in church were the Maynard Miller family of Stuarts Draft, Va., guests of Jay Mark Masts and being Sarie's bro. Also Leon Stoltzfuses and 3 children of Lanc., Pa. They arrived at John Masts' at 4:30 a.m. Sun.

Both families are enroute to Texas for the Miller-Hochstetler wedding on March 2.

Those from our group traveling over the weekend were the Perry Miller family. They went to Kan. to visit her twin, the Andy Yoders.

Moses Millers and dau. Martha accompanied the bunch of youth to

McVeytown, Pa. to visit Daniel Mast, teaching there. Going were Keturah Miller, Eunice Mast, Mose, Ben, Polly and Lilah Miller, Nathan Miller, Conrad Miller, Brian Mast, Leah and Leona Miller, Silas, Rachel, Priscilla and Orpha Troyer. They left Fri. noon and today. Matthew Miller is batching at home and staying with his cousin, Micah Mast.

Also absent were Bro. Alvin Ottos and daus., who attended at Grimsley.

Word came of the passing of Mark Anthony, premature son of Mark and Ruth Miller of Winchester. Graveside service is this p.m. Husband and I plan to attend.

Mrs. Aaron Troyer

## BRUCETON, TENNESSEE

March 1--Church was at Freeman S. Masts' for Nathaniel L. Borntreger and is to be here on March 11.

Jonas J. Mast wasn't able to attend church. The test they took of his back when he was in the hosp. last week left him in a weakened condition. Their dau. Lizzie, age 9, also spent a short time in the hosp. about breathing problems. Their address is R. 2, Huntingdon, Tenn. 38344.

The Levi S. Borntreger family are invited to David L. Borntreger's Sun. for dinner.

Felty I. Borntreger are planning on leaving for Gradyville, Ky. next week to make that their future home.

Mrs. Samuel Mast





## PARIS, TENNESSEE

Feb. 27--John Bylers, Linneus, Mo., brought his mother, Mrs. Tillie Byler home on Saturday. She had been visiting her children living in Mo. for 2 weeks.

Lester Bylers, Summersville, Mo. and John Bylers worshipped with us on Sunday morning. After having dinner at Earl Bylers' they both left for their homes in the afternoon.

Hymn singing was held at the church Sunday evening, with Jonas Byler having childrens' class and Menno Wagler devotions.

Norman D. Yoder, Noah Wengerd and Simon A. Yoder delivered some meat to different families in Guthrie, Ky. on Wednesday, that had been processed

at Yoder Bros. They also visited Adam Bylers.

Friday evening Jonas Schrock and Simon A. Yoders visited the Alvin Yoder family, Hickory, Ky., taking supper along for them.

Uria and Lena Miller attended the sale at Ervin Schlabachs', Guthrie, Ky. on Sat., also making a few calls in the community.

Eli, Mary, Nathan Nissley, Ralph Yoder and the writers are leaving for Tuscaloosa, Al. today to help with M.D.S. work and cooking, with plans to return Friday evening.

Noah Wengerds

## WHITEVILLE, TENNESSEE

Feb. 26--We had several cold mornings again, with temperatures dropping into the 20's but it was windy enough to prevent a hard frost. Days are cool but pleasant.

The Merle Yoders have sold their dairy cows, with plans to move to Hutchinson, Ks. for an indefinite period of time to help Irene's folks, the Crist Yoders. The Earl Yoders are taking care of their heifers and Phil and Debra Mast plan to live on their place while Merles are gone.

Relieved from chores, Merles left Fri. to do a bit of traveling to Ky. and Ga.

The Raymond Helmuths took some sheep to Paris, Tn. Sat., then went to Russellville, Ky. over Sunday.

Mrs. LaVern Eash was to church for the first time in 5 weeks Sunday. At first they stayed home because of being exposed to measles, next Bryan got them, then Carolyn herself got them. The other children didn't catch them and are back in school.

The health dept. is urging that school-children especially be revaccinated if they have not had measles shots for ten years.

I wonder how many of the Budget writers clip their articles. I started writing in 1980 and for a long time saved each Whiteville article. Then my daughters started getting tired of all these clippings taking up space in the cabinet, so one day in a housecleaning mood I disposed of them, but I am still regretting it. I've started saving them again, putting them in a large photo album with magnetic pages. It seems an excellent way to keep a community diary. My sister, Mrs. Mary Jane Mast saved the articles for the first 3 years after our settlement started in 1976, but now we are missing about 9 years and I don't suppose we will ever be able to collect them all (I started writing in 1980; however, Mattie Mast wrote for several years, later, then I resumed it).

The Omar Millers, Leon, Iowa arrived at the Elmer Masts' this afternoon on their way home from Fla. They also wanted to visit with the other former Leon folks, then plan to continue homeward tomorrow.

Quinton, small son of L.J. and Rosemary Helmuth took a fast but rough trip down their basement steps last week when his walker wheels went over the edge of the stairs. He has a number of bumps and discolored spots, but appears to have no serious injury.

Mrs. Lloyd Troyer





**COTTAGE GROVE, TN****New Boston**

Feb. 26--The spring flowers in bloom, look droopy with the low temps. we have been having.

Visitors in the area over the weekend were son J. Miltons and dau. Laura and Miriam Hershberger from Mayfield, Ky. They had their night's lodging here.

J. Milton shared as message bearer at Locust Grove yesterday a.m. and again at joint services last night at New Boston.

Mrs Marvin L. Yoder had a quilting on Wed. for family members, which included Milton Freda and dau., Sarah, Ruth (Mrs. Melvin Stutzman) and Naomi (Mrs. Daniel Kauffman) of the Mayfield, Ky. area.

Albert and Katie Wagler will have much going back and forth to Mayfield, Ky. this week in preparation for the wedding of their dau. Susan and Louis Kauffman on Thurs.

Neal Nissleys and dau. Betty and son Calvin, accompanied by Alva Millers attended the funeral of Neal's uncle, Adam Miller, at Stuarts Draft, Va. On their return I came home with them, after a 6-weeks stay with family members in Va. and adjoining states.

Hot lunch was served to the scholars and teachers on Thurs. by Elmer A. Yoders, Jerry Stutzman Jrs. and Joe Schrock.

Henry Derkson is having more seizures again. After a short time in services yesterday, he was taken home.

Mrs. Alvin N. Yoder

**ETHRIDGE, TENNESSEE**

Feb. 26--Was 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday morn. Plowing is underway.

Middle Church was at Noah P. Gingerichs'. Next plans to be at John P. Gingerichs' March 11. Strangers were nephew Jacob D. Zooks and children, Salome and Danny of Chesley, Ont., Can. Their plans were to leave today for Knox Co., Ohio to the wedding of her brother.

West church was at Sam E. Yoders'; to be there again for his bro. Mosies March 11.

Visiting in the area from Heuvelton, N.Y. are Sam D. Millers.

We also had a big surprise when the Levi Hershbergers came here with Cora and Lizzie D. Stutzman of Union City, Pa. They headed to Scottsville, Ky. to visit Daddy. His numbness is improving very slow but he can walk with a cane instead of the walker now.

We also heard from Frank Jones. He is at home again and claims to be about ready to go again. The tumor was benign (not malignant).

I also received a doz. or more letters and greetings. 1 greeting says, "The

neighbors had a cow that had what you've got. They shot her. So you better get well real quick."

Today a letter arrived along with a book, "Memories of Jacob S. Summy" who was a bro. to Benj. Summy who spent some time with us here in Tenn. and also in Miss. some years ago.

I was in church yest. and am going pretty good again. Dr. told me to be very careful for at least another month.

Levi B. Yoder was not able to attend church. His arthritis is giving him trouble again. He would like to get to the Hot Springs again. Address is: Rt. 2, Box 492, Ethridge, 38456.

Born to David N. Bylers' a dau. Emma, Feb. 21. Grands are Nevin Bylers and Mrs. Amanda (Ura) Gingerich.

To Amos J. Masts a son Eli, Feb. 23rd. I only know the grands on her side, the Noah J. Zooks.

A stillborn the same date to Dan D. Gingerichs'. To Roman A. Yoders a son. I have no date or name. It's their first. Grands are Andy S. Yoders and Joseph J. Zooks.

Bishop Eli Yoders of Enon Valley, Pa. are in the area to be in charge of the up-coming wedding on Thur. of Wilbur Mast and Fannie A. Miller.

Jacob J. Gingerich





**HUNTINGDON, TENNESSEE**

Feb. 26--Our weather has turned colder. Yesterday morning it was 24.

Church was at Freeman Masts' yesterday for Nathaneal Borntreger. Is to be at Samuel Masts' March 11.

Freemans and Nathaneals came home from their trip to Mo. Thursday night.

Felty I. Borntreger want to move to Gradyville, Ky. around the 7th of March.

Some want to help Mrs. Toby Hochstetler with her quilting today.

Jonas Mast spent a few days in the hospital again last week. He is home again and was helping along on the sawmill.

Mrs. Tobias Borntreger





**COTTAGE GROVE, TENN.****New Boston**

Mar. 5--Our spring weather is most ideal. We surmise there will be some early gardens planted, as it has dried off well.

Visitors at our joint services at Locust Grove last evening were Leroy and John Nissley (bro. to Neal) from Md. Neal and Katie are accompanying them to Mo. today to help their brother Vernons move from Fairview to LaRussel.

Elmer and Edna Schrock have had a very sick little boy the past week. Nathaniel, who will be four in July, was operated on for a ruptured appendix last Monday. His progress back to normal has been slow, due to the intestines being paralyzed from being handled. He will need to be able to eat solids before he will be released. The parents change off in staying with him, his mother during the day, and his daddy at night.

Vernon and Mary Margaret Yoder welcome son No. 3 named Leland V., having also a sister Cinthia to greet him, plus grandparents, Wallace Yoders, local, and Andy Millers from Pa. Mention was made that this is baby no. 199 born here since the settlement started in 1971.

Geneva Chupp and several children of Liberty, Ky. spent several days last week with her parents, John and Irene Miller.

Over this weekend John Millers and

son Raymonds are visiting Irene's parents in Mississippi.

The ministers of both districts as well as the parents and others attended the Kauffman-Wagler wedding at Mayfield, Ky. on Thursday.

Alva and Florence Miller are expected home today, after their trek to Lott, Texas for the wedding of Alva's nephew on Friday. Plans were to be with friends at Dallas, Texas Thurs. night enroute, and on their return with the fellowship at Nashville, Ark. over Sunday.

Elmer A. Yoders had a taffy pulling for the youth group Wed. evening.

We just received the good news that little Nathaniel Schrock is being checked out of the hospital this morning.

Eli A. Nissley was not feeling up to par yesterday, so they weren't present in services. Mrs. Alvin N. Yoder

**CROSSVILLE, TN****Mayland Community**

March 5--Titus and Hannah Graber rejoice over the birth of their firstborn today. Keith Dwayne weighs 8 lbs. and 6 oz. This gives David Grabers of Loogoottee, Ind. a new title and also adds to our tribe.

Visitors in church yest. were Ralph Millers and son of Plain City, Ohio, guests of his bro. Alvin Lynns.

In p.m. several families sang in the halls at Crossville Hospital. Some of the brethren had a service at the jail.

Bro. John Mast and children, Brian, Timothy and Martha, and Jay Mark Masts were to Lott, Texas for the wedding of Sarie's bro. Floyd Miller and Louella Hochstetler.

Bro. Alvin Ottos and children, Philip and Esther, were to Harrison, Ark. to visit their dau. and sister, Ruth. She has her foot in a cast from a sprain but still occupies the teacher's desk.

The Charles Diller family arrived at Nashville from Honduras at midnight Fri. for a 5-week vacation. His sister Joy, brothers, Michel and Myron and wife, and our family and Titus Grabers met them there. They had a 7 hour wait in Salvador due to plane repairs, so their arrival in Nashville was over 4½ hours late.

Bro. Ed Stillman from N.Y. is expected here today. He will be preaching for us nightly this week.

Mrs. Aaron Troyer

**ETHRIDGE, TENNESSEE**

March 5--Beautiful weather after 1½ inch rain. Some oats were sown before the rain.

We saw our first purple martin on the house Feb. 27th.

East church was at Abie D. Gingerichs'. Next to be at Eli J. Hostetlers' March 18th.

North was at Levi A. Gingerichs' and probably will be at Andy U. Gingerichs' March 18th.

Witnesses for Wilbur Mast and Fannie A. Miller were his bro. Tobie and Mattie E. Troyer; her sister Mary and Peter N. Zook. There were quite a few strangers at the wedding from Sonora, Ky. I understood our ticket agent was able to get a bus out to get the Ky. folks home even though the buses were already on strike by Friday. This strike caused us to miss some company. Budget scribe Eli E. Gingerich (Middlebury, In.) and some grandchildren.

Mrs. David H. Gingerich (Katie) had an appendicitis operation last week. I understand she is at home again.

Born to Eli E. Yoders a son Feb. 28. Grands are Enos S. Yoders of here and Sam M. Millers of Wayne or Holmes Co., Ohio. Jacob J. Gingerich





## NUNNELLY, TENNESSEE

March 3--Mose and Mary Ellen Borntrager and children Edward, Katie Ann and Naomi came back from a week's stay at Mo. on the 27th. They had attended the Yoder-Hochstetler wedding at Canton, Mo. and the Bontrager-Gingerich wedding at Clark, Mo. They stopped in to see the folks at Puxico, Mo., then decided to take the Hickman-Dorena ferry over the Mississippi on the way home. Arriving there, they found the river very high, up to about the top of the levy, and the ferry wasn't running, so they had to drive quite a bit out of the way to get to a bridge.

Church was at Truman Borntragers' last time and to be at Samuel Borntragers' tomorrow. Katie Ann Borntrager was missing because a board with a nail fell on the top of her foot. Several others stayed home with her.

My wife, Rebecca, taught school while Katie Ann was gone to all these weddings.

Leroy and Katie Bontrager and family are planning to leave Tuesday for Homer, Mi. to make that their future home.

William Millers of Huntingdon, Tenn., who bought a place next to John Troyers' at Lyles, had planned to have a frolic there tomorrow. However, since it rained the last few days they have cancelled it till next week. They and Andy Yoders were here yesterday working on it.

Carol Vaughn, with the help of niece Kim and Rebecca Graber and Katie Bontrager, served lunch to the scholars at Tanglewoods Thursday. Lester Graber

March 6--Days are nice and warm but the nights are cold and frosty.

Today was a gathering to put up a house on Cane Creek for Lowell Morgans with plans for another gathering tomorrow.

Leaving for Berne, In. on a short trip on the 25th were Ben Troyers, Menno Troyers, Mom and sisters Naomi and Rebecca. Emanuel T. and Joe D. Bylers were the drivers. They returned Mon. night. Part of the load spent the night at Mrs. Ben Troyer's niece, the Crist Eichers. They of course were also interested in the new bundle at Crists'. It's a girl after 4 boys, named Elizabeth.

On the 26th Elmer Stauffer and Dad left for Ohio (around Fredericksburg). Elsie (Mrs. Stauffer) went along as far as Scottsville, Ky. and spent a day at her dau., the Lester Brubakers'.

Dad got to stop in at his mother's for only a short time. He found her not feeling well. They returned Wed. noon. Elmer had taken a load of fiberglass up and Dad was interested in some harness supplies at a harness shop.

Amos C. Swartzes of Ghent, Ky. spent the weekend of the 18th in the area. She is a sister to Eli D. Troyer of here.

Mrs. Eli Troyer's bro. and family, the Eli Troyers of Ghent, Ky. also were down over the 25th. They came after their travel trailer which Robert Coffee had brought down and left here. Robert hitchhiked back to Ghent.

Virginia Lafoon's dau. Suanne (about 9 or 10 yrs. old) had the terrifying experience of getting her hair caught in a grinder shaft at Henry E. Mast's shop. She was with Salome Lavy. By the time Salome got the water wheel stopped, she had a good bit of hair torn from her scalp. They had a hard time getting her out as she didn't want her hair cut.

Paul Lavys returned from their Belize trip on the 26th.

Mrs. John P. Dyck is not well at present and is being cared for at the John Shirk Srs'.

Emanuel T. Byler and dau. Alice left on Fri. eve. for W. Va. for a few weeks. They took his father Thomas D. Byler out to his dau. Susies'. Emanuel has a job to do while there too.

Feb. 20th was the wedding of bro. Junior and Jamie Kaye Gidcomb. They spent several days at Myrtle Beach in S.C. after the wedding.

Bro. David's finally got their trailer set up on the piece of land they bought near here and a well dug. They moved over the 24th to the 27th. Jr. and Jamie moved in next door here where Davids vacated on the 28th.

The 24th was moving day for Atlee and Sherry Byler. Sam and Judy Byler also moved this past week to a better place. They had come from Maine with their belongings and no other place available, so they had taken the first place that came along which wasn't very good. Born to Crist & Lizzie Spiecher on Feb. 28th was a son named Rufus.

Also to Andy and Cindy H. Mast a son named Jonathon on March 2. Grands are Joe J. Millers and Henry E. Masts of here. Byler Sisters





## SPARTA, TENNESSEE

March 6--The rains kept us out of the garden. We like to get peas in the ground by the middle of Feb. but it's later this spring.

Bro. Mahlon's children are over the measles. No one else got them since Mahlons kept themselves isolated.

Bro. Dan Eshes of Flemingsburg, Ky. were in our area over the weekend of the 25th. He had a message Sun. morn. and eve. Ivan Petre and we were Marlin Dillers' Sun. dinner guests.

We spent last week at Merlin Petre's helping take care of aged mother. She was 91 yrs. old in Jan. Merlin & Wesley's wife Louise both had hernia operations.

Our company while here were my mother & sister Martha, Lewis & Grace Miller, Edgar & Mary Martin, and Orville Martins were here while we were away.

Calvert is scheduled for an ear operation this week. While cutting with a torch under the fertilizer spreader a hot spark went in his ear, making a hole in the ear drum. A piece of tissue under the skin behind the ear will be taken to mend the hole or patch it.

Marlin Diller was sick with inner ear infection last week.

Merlin Petres' company for Sun. dinner were Grant Martins, Mary & Sarah Diller, Martha Hege (my mother) and my sister Martha and us. Orville Martins visited in late afternoon. My mother and sister went with us to visit Lewis & Grace Miller after dinner. Min. John & Lois Brenneman of Lancaster, Pa. were there.

Calvert Petres

## WHITEVILLE, TN.

Mar. 6--We had several frosty mornings last week, but temperatures are mild and pleasant again. Several purple martins made their appearances over the weekend; it is so nice to hear them chirping in the early morning.

Gary and Jonathon Raber and Martha Zook, all from Free Union, Va., were overnight visitors with us Friday. They were on their way home from Calvary Bible School.

The news of the week is the arrival of a son born to Loren and Ruby Overholt. Matthias Dean was born Sun. morn., weighing 6 lbs. 3 ozs. He has one little sister. Ruby and the baby came home yest. and seem to be doing fine under Grandma Mast's eager care.

David L. Miller and Eli Yoder, both ministers from Hutchinson, Ks., were visitors in the area over the weekend. They both preached for us Sun. morn., and after our fellowship dinner left for Mt. View, Ark.

We are having revival meetings this week by Bro. Glen Bender from Princeton, Mo.

We were happy to have as visitors last night, the Maynard Miller family from Stuarts Draft, Va. They had been to the Miller-Hostetler wedding at Lott, Tx. last week and are homeward bound.

Shirley was teacher when our two oldest daughters started to school and she has always been special to them. It is a keen reminder of how time flies to see Maynard and Shirley with a family of 6 boys and a baby girl and our two girls married.

We had a very unusual happening at the greenhouse lately (at Roger Helmut's). Roger thought the mice were getting into the newly-planted seed trays. The sprouts were nipped off, the hearts picked out of the seeds and the rock wool trays scratched up. After setting traps, sticky trays and poison, they only caught one mouse. Then yest. while harvesting lettuce we discovered what we believe to be the real culprit. A bluebird had found its way into the greenhouse. He didn't appear to mind his captivity too much; he had plenty of water, seeds, and lettuce. We enjoyed his songs, but of course, had to open the door and chase him out, as he had caused a lot of damage.

Mrs. Lloyd Troyer





## DEER LODGE, TENN.

March 5--We're enjoying nice warm days.

Alvin and Edna Miller and family from Crossville were visitors in church on Sunday morning.

Naomi Witmer and Aletha Petre and some of their nieces spent Thursday with relatives in this area. They also stopped at the school and the greenhouse.

The Witmer girls are real busy in the greenhouse. Some of the sisters have been going in and helping with the transplanting.

Sunday afternoon Steve Yoders went to Guthrie, Ky. to visit relatives.

The Eli Yoder family helped John and Emma Miller at Crossville move into the new part of their house last week.

Eli Hostetler Jrs. have purchased a 500-acre poultry farm and have their first 14,000 broilers now. It is about 4 miles from their present dwelling.

The Witmers were having problems with a certain cow while milking, which would quite often give a kick as the milk boy walked behind her. She was not a nervous cow, but still she didn't respond to the numerous lessons she had gotten from the rod of correction. Finally the boys decided she's just getting a sport out of watching them jump. So they've found a solution that seems to be working thus far. They decided to blindfold her while she's in the milking barn by simply slipping a heavyweight stretch sweater over her head.

Now they're wanting their sisters to sew a special cow blindfold that may be easier to put on and off than the sweater. Anybody have a pattern?

John Witmers

## PARIS, TENNESSEE

### Bethel Fellowship

Mar. 7--Mild spring-like weather continues, with early gardens being planted.

Jonas Schrock and Everett Yoders treated the schoolchildren with a hot lunch on March 1.

Rachel Kauffman, Safford, Al. spent Thurs. with her sister, teacher Bertha Kauffman in the schoolroom. They were both supper and overnight guests with their grandparents, Eli A. Nissleys. Rachel left for home on Friday accompanied by Noah and Naomi Yoder of Al. who had been in Hickory, Ky. for the Kaufman-Wagler wedding on Thursday.

Menno Waglers, Earl, Ida, Anna Mae Byler, Elmer L. Yoders, Jonas Byler family and Arlene Hostetler also attended the above wedding.

Mrs. Geneva Chupp and 3 children were Fri. dinner guests at David Wengerts'.

Several mothers and children were

missing in Sunday morning services on account of children being sick. Hymn singing was at Jonas Bylers' Sun. evening.

Andy Wengerts went with a load of the Brenneman family to Golden City, Mo. to visit and help Paul Brennemans with their work, leaving Mon. night, expecting to come home tonight. Andys' children are staying with David Wengerts and Everett Yoders while they are gone.

Ben Kanagys, Sam Swareys, Noah Yoders, Robert Yoders, Mrs. Freeman Schlabach, Mrs. Elizabeth Yoder, Mrs. Eugene Lambright, all from Guthrie, Ky. were at Simon A. Yoders' on Tuesday. They were all at Mrs. Elmina Yoder's for dinner, including Simons.

The church quilting is at the writer's today, with each one bringing a dish of something that you read about in the Bible.

Noah Wengerts





**WHITEVILLE, TN**

March 11--Grass and wheat fields are a lush green, trees are budding and blooming and flowers are showing bright faces once more. We are having lots of rain with scattered sunshine. It's a pleasure to see the many robins enjoying the thundershowers.

A few people have planted gardens, but it has been too wet to do much gardening.

We had a refreshing week of revival meetings, ending last night, with Bro. Glenn Bender as the speaker. His family joined him here Sat. Glen and Anna continued eastward today; the children plan to return home tomorrow.

We had numerous visitors this week, especially from the Paris area, attending the meetings. The Elwood Yoders attended our Sun. morn. service and fellowship dinner.

The Sam Millers (dau. Vera), Catlett, Va. came through here last Wed. on their way to Mt. View, Ark. where they worked several days cleaning up on the small farm they bought. They returned here Sat. night and left for Va. again yesterday afternoon.

We enjoyed having Lloyd's bro., the Edward Troyer family, Stuarts Draft, Va. and his mother Ina Troyer and sis. Lena Mae from Paris, Tn. spend the day with us Sat. Edwards returned to Paris with Mom and Lena Mae.

Loren and Ruby Mast's week-old son hadn't been doing so well last week. His jaundice count was up to 14.9, and he developed a severe cold, so Ruby spent Fri. night in the hospital with him. He still had labored breathing over the weekend, but seems some better since last night.

Mrs. Lloyd Troyer

**PARIS, TENNESSEE****Bethel Fellowship**

March 13--Spring weather continues

Andy J. Millers and Andy E. Troyers, Hartville, Ohio, arrived here on Thurs. forenoon. Andy Troyers went on to Macon, Miss. to visit their son Raymond & family over the weekend. Andy J.'s stayed with us for the weekend. On Mon. we took Andy J.'s to meet Andy Troyers at the Cotton Patch Restaurant, Lexington, Tn. After having dinner together, the Andys started on their homeward journey.

Ruth Ann Byler, Dover, Del. attended a wedding in Anna, Ill. on Sat. and also came to visit her parents, Earl Byler, going back to Ill. on Sun. eve. to meet the rest of the load, leaving for home early Mon. morn.

Visitors in Sun. morn. services were Andy J. Millers and Ruth Ann Byler. Hymn singing was at Timothy Yoder's Sun. eve. Mrs. Tillis Byler is not very good at present. She was unable to attend services on Sun.

The Wengerd family, Andy J. Millers and Bertha Kauffman had a carry-in dinner at Andy Wengerds' on Sun. Supper guests at Uria Millers' Sun. eve. were Andys, Ervin Waglers and the writers.

The Earl Byler family had a carry-in on Sun. in behalf of Ruth Ann being here.

Norman D. Yoders have a nut picking tonight for the youth, John Bylers, Everett Yoders and Paul Wengerds.

Several families and some of the youth attended the meetings in Whiteville, Tn. last week, where Glen Bender was the speaker.

Andy Wengerds are having a work bee tomorrow to put up a pole barn, which is a church project.

Noah Wengerds

**HUNTINGDON, TENNESSEE**

March 12--Temp. was 79° yest. Now this morn. we had a shower along with thunder.

Church was at Samuel Masts' yest. and is to be there for Jonas Masts next.

Jake Lees' children were not there as they have pinkeye.

William M. Millers spent last week in Nunnelly where they had a frolic to put up a shed on their land. We also spent 2 nights there.

Levi S. Borntragers have left on a trip to Ky. and Mo. Mrs. Tobias Borntrager





**CROSSVILLE, TN.****Mayland Community**

Mar. 12--Ed Sillman of Philadelphia, N.Y. ministered to us the past week. The brethren from Sparta and Deer Lodge, and Muddy Pond, plus local folks attended nightly. Also Stephen Otto family one evening.

Ed's son Carl, 5, joined him Thurs. after being with Grandpa Sillmans at Greenback, Tn. the first part of the week. Alvin Ottos and Melvin Masts gave them lodging. Most of the families shared meals with them.

Visitors in church yest. a.m. were Enos Millers and children from Winchester, Curtis Deel and sons, J. Elmer Witmers and dau. and Anita Knepp of Sparta; also Charles Dillers of Honduras.

Charleses moved into the trailer we bought from the church that had been fire damaged. After repairing it, we moved it into the woods beyond our shop.

Visitors from Winchester last eve. were Abes, Marks and John Millers. Ida Schrock from Stuarts Draft, Va. accompanied Marks and spent the night with Lonnie Millers. Edward Troyers picked her up this a.m. enroute home from Paris.

Mrs. Aaron Troyer

**DEER LODGE, TENNESSEE**

March 13--Visitors in services on Sunday were Lloyd Martins and family from Philadelphia, New York. They came to Paul Witmers' on Friday. Other visitors were Roy and Grace Lahman and Wilmer Lahman from Va., John Lahman from Knoxville, Tn. and son Don from Bristol, Tn. Also Mahlon Petre and son Jalon from Sparta. Bro. Mahlon brought the message.

Harry and Ruth Witmer from Columbiana, Ohio made a short visit at Paul and John Witmers' on Thur.

Lena and Irene Martin from Mt. Hermon, Ky. came to Paul Witmers' on Fri. to visit with their brother Lloyd and family.

Raymond Detweilers from Union

Grove, N.C. visited Steve Yoders on the 6th.

Eli Hostetler Jrs. visited his parents in Ohio over the weekend and helped with cooking maple syrup.

The youth came in and sang for Anna Ruth Witmer Sunday afternoon. She's mostly down again with back pain and sciatica for the past 2½ months.

Luke and Aaron Witmer left for Harrisonburg, Va. this morning on a business trip and also to visit relatives.

John Witmers

**ETHRIDGE, TENNESSEE**

Mar. 12--Mild and wet. English peas are coming through. Pear trees are nearly white and a few strawberry blossoms are out.

Middle church was changed to Pete H. Gingerichs' for their Johns, as Johns' baby took seriously ill last Thurs. and is in Vanderbilt Hospital again, but has made some improvement. Next church to be at Andy H. Gingerichs', Mar. 25. Strangers were the Sam J. Schrock of Aberdeen, Miss. who have been visiting the Andy M. Yoder children.

West church was at Sam E. Yoders' for his bro. Mosies. Next to be at Andy P. Gingerichs', Mar. 25.

Levi B. Yoder and Herman Maryann were not able to attend church. Maryann had some x-rays and spine scanning done.

Daniel M. Gingerich (Pre.) had an appendix operation and the youngest child of Paul A. Millers spent from Tues. to Fri. in a hospital.

Sam E. Yoders' baby is also quite sick, but so far has managed to stay out of the hospital. The writer is also pretty sore tonight again.

Cattle, hogs and pigs are a good price again. The writer took a sow to the barn on Wed., bringing \$46.50 cwt.; a boar at \$38.; feeder pigs, 30-40 lbs., were as high as \$1.69 per lb.

Ezra Borntrager, Kenton, Ohio and some others were visiting around here.

Peter N. Zook started to do some horse shoeing for the public recently and a horse got the best of him and he got a gash on his leg which required 10 stitches.

Jacob J. Gingerich





## COTTAGE GROVE, TENN.

### New Boston

Mar. 12--Our weather pattern is so summer-like you could think the spring months were skipped. Spring flowers are showing more color. Martins were sighted the last few days. Several inches of rain again last week keeps the soil well saturated.

Visitors at New Boston yesterday were the Edward Troyer family from Stuarts Draft, Va. and Lydia Sue Miller from Pa. The latter is visiting her brother Johnathon and sisters Miriam and Mary Margaret (Mrs. Vernon Yoder). The Troyers have been with his mother Ina and family, also with the Alva Millers, Florence being a sister to Katie Ellen. Melvin Stutzmans and daughters of Mayfield, Ky. were at Locust Grove. Plans are for me to accompany Melvins on their return this morning to spend several days with son Miltons and family.

Alva Millers were privileged to have his mother Mrs. Tobe Miller visiting them in company with his sister Ada, the Edwin Millers of Kalona, Iowa. Edwins traveled on to Guthrie, Ky. yet the same day, where they have a daughter living. Tobe Mattie stayed over two nights, then Alvas took her to their daughter and sister Minnie, the Noah S. Yoders in Guthrie, Ky.

It was my privilege to have dinner guests from Guthrie, Ky. on Tues., being of the late Simon M. Yoder family. Present were the Ben Kanagys, Sam Swareys, Noah S. Yoders, Robert Yoders, Mrs. Freeman Schlabach, Mrs. Simon M. Yoder and Mrs. Eugene Lambright, together with Simon A. and Elmer A. Yoders, local. Sons Marvin and Miltons (Mayfield, Ky.) were here in p.m. There was some reminiscing of bygone days when their family and ours were together in their growing up years.

Of the Brenneman family, consisting of Ivan and Esther Yoder with their van, had as passengers her parents, Carl Brennemens and daughter Susanna, Andy Wengerds and Emery Stutzmans (Mayfield, Ky.) going to Golden City, Mo. to help their son and brother Pauls with some construction work. Pauls just recently moved from here to make their home there. They traveled nights so as to have two full days there. Lillian Yoder was caretaker in the Ivan Yoder home in their absence and Mervin and Rosemary Yoder had the 3 preschoolers of Emerys.

Ervin Yoders and Duane Yoders (Mayfield, Ky.) were with the fellowship at Orrville, Ala. over the weekend.

Elmer Beiler was reminded Fri. eve. of another birthday by the J. Milton Yoders from Mayfield, Ky. and son Marvin. As a goodwill gesture the writer was also included.

Elmer Beilers have added an addition to their house which is coming along well and will give them more space. Marvin Ray Yoder is the carpenter.

Ray and Rachel Miller have been to Toronto, Canada where Ray had hernia repair last week. They were with the fellowship at Aylmer over the weekend and expect to visit kin in Geauga County, Ohio enroute home.

Mrs. Alvin N. Yoder





**CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE****Mayland Community**

March 19--Visitors in church yest. were the John Fisher family from Strasburg, Pa. They were overnight guests at John Masts' and Sat. supper and Sun. dinner guests at our house and Melvin Masts. Their youth accompanied our youth to Perry Millers for dinner. Afterward the family continued on to Fla.

For cottage meetings yest. p.m. the youth were at John and Emma Millers'. Emma had another weak spell and can't attend church. On Wed. eve. she requested and was anointed again.

Charles and Myron Dillers were to Union, N.C. Wed. & Thurs. to see the barn building business there and visited friends who had visited in Honduras. From there, Myrons went to McVeytown, Pa. to visit her bro. Daniel Mast, teaching there. Charles returned home and occupied Myron's house in their absence.

The sisters' sewing was at Lonnie Millers' Thurs. Mary was showered with plants as she's lost some during our cold Dec. spell when they were gone during their son-in-law's illness and death. Mrs. Charles Nixon was a guest over the lunch hour.

Thurs. eve. Eli Miller took his sister, Lila, to their sister, Martha Bontrager's, in Ind. to spend some time with her. Eli joined some Mich. friends and went to Mexico.

Bro. Alvin H. Miller has consented to give Spanish lessons to all interested folk. Around 38 from Sparta and here showed up on Thurs. eve. for the first lesson.

Mrs. Chas. Walker (Inez) died this morn. at the Sparta Nursing Home. Her bro.-in-law, Kenneth Walker is also in a home at Murfreesboro.

Mrs. Aaron Troyer

**PARIS, TENNESSEE****Bethel Fellowship**

March 19--We were surprised to see snow this morning, but it soon disappeared again.

Visitors in Sunday morning services were Andy and Leah Byler, Russellville, Ky. Sun. evening was free for visitation.

Mrs. Tillie Byler is some better again. She had the flu which left her very weak. Henry R. Bylers, Guthrie, Ky. and Larry Gingerichs and Amy, Russellville, Ky. stayed with Tillie Sunday forenoon. Earl Bylers, Menno Waglers and Andy Bylers were also there for dinner. The Ky. folks brought dinner along.

Marvin Schlabachs, Hickory, Ky., and Lester Beachys visited Bertha Kauffman Sunday afternoon.

Youth Bible study was at the schoolhouse on Thurs. evening. Elwood Yoders were voted in for youth leaders to replace John Bylers.

Lena Mae Troyer is taking chiropractor and therapy treatments for carpal tunnel syndrome with Dr. Allen, Cadiz, Ky. She is also wearing a support on both arms to help stabilize her wrists.

Those enjoying a nut picking at Simon A. Yoders' on Fri. eve. were Jonas Schrock, Elmer L. Yoders, Uria Millers, Eli D. Nissleys, Noah Wengerds, Ervin Waglers, Paul Wengerds and Everett Yoders.

John Bylers went to Golden City, Mo. on Saturday to visit Paul Brennemans and also help them most of this week.

A dau. was born to Ervin and Irene Eicher on March 18 named Mary Leona. She has one sister and one brother. Grandparents are Elli and Mary Nissley and Levi and Leona Eicher. She was named after both grandmothers.

Noah Wengerds

**BRUCETON, TENNESSEE**

March 21--Last week it was very nice and warm. Sunday children were going barefoot and by Monday morning we had a very wet snow. Now since we had some frosty mornings. It made the tulips look a bit sick.

Church is to be here again for Jonas and Katie Mast.

Levi S. Borntragers had gone to Ky. and Mo. They returned home last week.

Andy Yoders left to get some equipment to start a pallet business.

Mrs. Samuel Mast





**SPARTA, TENNESSEE**

March 19--We had several days this past week with 80°. There is still not many gardens planted because of the ground staying so wet.

Charles Dillers and family are home from Honduras. Lynn and Donald Dillers from Chambersburg, Pa. and Nathan Martins of Smithsburg, Md. were down to see Charles over the weekend of the 4th. Son Johns were here too.

Arlene Underwood, a paralyzed lady who we visited quite often, passed away. Her husband donated her hospital bed to the church here, also her wheelchair.

Calvert's ear operation was the 8th; the packing will come out the 22nd.

March 10, Lloyd Martins and family of Philadelphia Fellowship were Peter Moyers supper guests.

March 11 joint services were at Crossville in the eve. Bro. Ed Sillman of Phil. Fellowship, N.Y. was the speaker at Crossville all that week till Sun. eve.

March 13, sewing circle here was the last time for this spring, starting again in Oct. The last covers made will get sent to Guaimaca, Honduras.

Stephen Beachys made a short visit at Ivan Petres' and here Wed. In the evening cottage meeting was at Lloyd Knolls' and Arville Bakers'.

One day son Chester and Charles Witmer went to Nashville, so daughter Ada Marie and son Dwight came to spend the day. We picked out pecans that we got when we visited Sol and Elsie Yoder at Montezuma, Ga. last fall.

March 16, Ivan Petres, Aletha Petre, Joy Diller, Christina Petre and Susie Moyer and Anita Knepp traveled in Ivan's van to Loogootee, Ind., taking Anita to her folks' in Ind. for the weekend.

March 18, Charles, Ada Marie and Dwight Witmer were our Sun. eve. supper guests. Bill Underwood and his little grandson Eli were also here. Bill's wife Arlene passed away.

Calvart Petres

**ETHRIDGE, TENN.**

Mar. 19--Was real snowy for a while this a.m. At first recess a snow ball of probably 2½ ft. in diameter was rolled up, but by noon that was about the only snow that could be seen.

Of our 4 church districts here, it would appear like the Andy Gingerichs are about taking over. North church was at Andy U. Gingerichs', Middle to be at Andy H. Gingerichs' and West at Andy P. Gingerichs'. East was at Eli J. Hostetlers'. Next at Dan D. Gingerichs'; North at Pete M. Troyers. Both are April 1st. Abe gma was at Mosie N. Zooks'.

Our son Joes want to move to the sow-pig operation tomorrow where Joseph J. U. Gingerichs moved out last week into a vacant house in the same area. Our Mosies then want to move in where our Joes were.

The past week gave us another 2½ inches of rain and keeps seeding and plowing on a slow pace.

The tests of scans of Herman Maryan show spurs on the spine which irritates her spinal cord and nerves causing her pain.

The Joe A. Yoders have some 60 acres Walker land on east side of the railroad coming south of Brace.

Jacob J. Gingerich

**WHITEVILLE, TENNESSEE**

March 20--We had a surprise yesterday morning when we woke up to a lovely snow! However, the snow did not last long, but the temp. remained cool and this morn. dropped to 30°.

Redbuds are blooming and dogwoods are in bud. Son Loren found a first morel mushroom last week. Lawn mowing has begun.

Yesterday was first day of kindergarten classes. We have those 3 days a week for the last 6 weeks of school. Dau. Norma Ruth is teaching them this year.

Little Matthias, 2-week old son of Loren and Ruby Overholt, has been moved out of I.C.U., but was again put in isolation. He still has respiratory problems, but seems to be improving again.

The Jr. Yoder family, Harrison, Ark., was here to spend the weekend with family and friends.

Raymond Helmuth has gone to Kansas again to shear sheep. He plans to be back again this week.

Lloyd and I went to Seymour, Mo. Fri. to help the Philip Masts (dau. Debra) move back. We came home again Sat. aft.

David Sider, Wellandport, Ont. was a Sun. guest of the Roger Helmuths. He was enroute home from Fla.

Mrs. Lloyd Troyer





**GONZALES, TEXAS**

Mar. 28--60° this morning and raining. We had enough rain to bring the spring flowers out, like the bluebonnets that cover fields and roadsides with a solid blue. Also the Indian paint brushes with a pink color.

Sunday church was at Harvey Yoders'; to be there again in 2 weeks. Fremda were Ron and Marilyn Deiner and 2 sons from Austin, Texas.

Eli Ray Gingerichs are spending a few weeks in Jamesport, Missouri. They will return home possibly this weekend.

A son came to stay at Merle and Lizzie Yoder's. He was born Mar. 16 at 6:00 a.m. at home and is named Shawn David. Grandparents are Joe Gingerichs of Stephenville, Tx. and M. S. Yoders of Chouteau, Okla. Mrs. Joe Gingerich was with them for a week. She left for home Sunday afternoon.

Arriving last night at San Marcos on the train was Joy Kramer of New Glarus, Wisc. and Karen (Melvins) Miller of Evansville, Wisc. They came to take grandmother, Mrs. Emma Kramer, home, possibly leaving Monday morning.

Mrs. Menno Bontrager and Betty Maria Detweiler left by train last Friday morning for Indiana and Michigan. Plan to be home Sunday evening.

Joe Hershberger

**LOTT, TEXAS****Faith Menn. Fellowship**

Mar. 28--This has been a damp, cloudy week, but no measurable rainfall thus far. A cool spell over the weekend took heat in the house to keep us comfortable.

Sun. morn. visitors were the Richard Sutton family, Tyler, having dinner at Peter Friesens'. John Ivan Zimmermans hosted Albert Schrock, Fairview, Mo. over the weekend. They had supper on Sun. eve. at Stephen Shetlers'. Alberts were traveling to Costa Rica to help with the road building project that is underway in the Quebradon area.

Thurs. eve. the youth gathered at Roy D. Millers' for a farewell volleyball game for Jason Yoder. He left Fri. morn. for Plain City, Oh. to work for John Kramer again. This makes 2 vacant places in our home in 2 weeks' time, which makes for some real adjusting.

Iddo and Viola Yoder





**NUNNELLY, TENNESSEE**

March 29--A week ago tonight we received the word of the passing of my wife's grandfather, Samuel R. Borntrager, 93, of Bowling Green, Mo. Those leaving here Sat. morning with Gene Snyder as driver were Rudy and Sadie Borntrager and their 6 oldest children and baby; Truman and Martha Borntrager and baby, Samuel and Kathryn Borntrager and the writer and wife with 2 youngest children. We all came home Mon. after attending the funeral on Sun. morning.

Coming home through Ill. we stopped at a restaurant for dinner when another van pulled in carrying the David Yoder family and John Yoders of Guthrie, Ky. who had attended the Menno Yoder funeral at Jamesport, Mo. on Sat. Menno was David's father.

Church services were held at the Samuel Borntrager home on the 18th, with Rudy Borntragers having services for Harold Smith by Sun.

Today was the last day of school at Tanglewoods where Katie Ann Borntrager (Mose M.) was teaching. Simon T. Borntrager (Truman) was the only 8th

grader there. Tomorrow is the last day of the East school where Truman R. Borntrager (Rudy) was teaching. Mary Ann Bontrager (Olen) is the only 8th grader there.

Olen Bontragers have set a sale day for April 7, planning to leave for their old home at LaPlata, Mo. shortly after that. He wants to carry one load up there next week before the sale. Lester Graber

**PARIS, TENNESSEE****Bethel Fellowship**

March 27--Announcement has been made of the forthcoming marriage of James Byler (Jonas) and Arlene Hostetler (Lee) to be May 4.

Elwood Yoders and the youth sang at the Henry Co. nursing home Tues. evening, March 20, with Elwood having devotions.

Eli D. Nissleys, Everett Yoders, John Nissleys and Bertha Kauffman attended the Beachy-Hershberger wedding in Liberty, Ky. on Thurs.

Lena Mae Troyer substituted for Bertha Kauffman on Thurs. and Fri. Jacob Hostetlers and Jonas Bylers served a hot lunch to the school children and teachers on Thurs.

Uria and Lena Miller went to Rustburg, Va. to Melvin Millers' on Thurs., going on to Stuarts Draft, Va. on Fri. for the weekend, coming home again last night.

Jacob Hostetlers, Elmer Schrock, Elwood Yoders, Paul Hostetlers, Paul Wengards and James Byler had a carry-in dinner on Sun. at Lee Hostetlers' in behalf of Alvin and Margaret Yoder, Belleville, Pa. and their dau.-in-law, Mrs. Tammy Yoder of Clarksville, Tn. The visitors went back to Clarksville again for the evening.

Hymn singing was at the church Sun. evening with Daniel Wengerd having children's class and Noah Wengerd devotions.

Nathan Byler accompanied Steve Wagler to Orrville, Ala. for the weekend.

Ben Schrock, Flemingsburg, Ky. were here this weekend visiting their parents and grandmother (Mrs. Tillie Byler) who is about the same, but still weak from her bout with flu.

The preschoolers are going to school this week. They are Eugene Yoder (Norman D.), John Miller (Herman), Owen Hostetler (Paul), Margaret Schrock (Jonas) and Marlene Wengerd (Daniels). Noah Wengards

**ETHRIDGE, TN**

March 27--30° and some frost. It doesn't sound like there is much left for a peach crop among our big peach growers in this area. Those who hadn't been through sowing oats have probably finished up.

We had a rather unexpected funeral last Fri. of the invalid dau., Mattie Troyer, at John R. Troyers', age 24 yr., 2 mo. and some days. Those here for the funeral were Andy R. Troyers and their Dannies of Glasgow, Ky. and Andy's John of Lyles, Tn.

My bro. Mahlons of Newcomers-town, Ohio also spent several days in this area visiting their dau., the John P. Gingeriches, who had the sick baby in the hospital but is doing well at home again. They also visited with Mommy. Mommy now has what we call cold lung fever and the outlook is not good.

Middle church was at Andy H. Gingeriches'. Next services to be at Mahlon H. Gingeriches'. West was at Andy P. Gingeriches'. Next at Joe U. Gingeriches', both April 8.

Herman Maryan remains about the same. Jacob J. Gingerich





**SPARTA, TENNESSEE**

March 26--There are more gardens planted, but the ground still was a little heavy to work.

Elmer Enos Witmers and family and J. Elmers were our supper guests the 19th. Ellen brought part of the supper, with J. Elmers and us helping to celebrate little Daniel's 4th birthday. Chester and Ivan Petres stopped in a few minutes after parent-teacher meeting.

We visited son Glens and Timothy Martins (dau. Eunice) at Altamont Tues., having dinner with Glens.

Calvert had a 2 week checkup for his ear. The doctor took the packing out and is pleased with the healing.

Several from here are attending the Spanish classes at Crossville taught by Alvin Miller of Honduras.

Timothy and Audrey (Sensenig) Weaver of Boiling Springs, Pa. were Lee Dillers' end of the week guests.

Bro. Mahlon and Stephen Petre went to Md. on business, leaving the 21st and coming back the 23rd.

Naomi Witmer (J. Elmers) and Mrs. Thomas Hostetler traveled to Pa. together. Sat. Naomi went to help Jacob Weavers of Boiling Springs, Pa. move to New Bethlehem, Pa. where a new group are starting.

We were to Mt. Zion for services Sun. morn. Charles Dillers and us were Charles Witmer's dinner guests.

Charles Diller and Alvin Miller of Honduras both gave a talk on the work and the country Sun. eve. Visitors here were Wanda Sommers of Fairview, Mo. and Josiah Beachy of Berne, Ind.

Glen and Marie Diller and Marcus, Timothy and Erma welcomed baby Glendon Ray March 25. He weighed 9 lb. 8 oz. Grandparents are John Witmers and Marlin Dillers.

Timothy and Eunice Petre and Rosanna, Jason, Rebecca, Nathaniel, Ethel and Ephraim welcomed baby Evelyn Fern March 26. She weighed 8 lbs. 8 oz. Grandparents are Lehman Martins and Calvert Petres.

Bro. Allen Miller of LaRussell, Mo. is coming for communion April 8th.

The Petres

**COTTAGE GROVE, TN****New Boston**

March 26--Our weather pattern varies from warm and pleasant to a dip to freezing and below. Early planted gardens have not been hurt much by the cold. It remains to be seen how the peach orchards have fared. The martins seem to be coming in later than usual.

Ervin and Irene Eicher, with a son and dau., welcomed another member, Mary Leona, on March 18. Grandparents are Levi Eichers and Eli D. Nissleys, the girlie being named after both grandmothers.

Visitors at Locust Grove yesterday were Abraham Houston of Wi. and Ben Schrock of Flemingsburg, Ky. We welcome Ben Schrock who will be moving into the community shortly.

Ray and Rachel Miller returned home after a trek to Toronto, Canada where Ray had surgery for hernia repair. They visited near kin in Aylmer, Canada and in Ohio enroute home.

Attending the Beachy-Hershberger wedding at Liberty, Ky. on Thurs. were the Ervin W., Michael W. and Norman A. Yoders, John and Irene Miller, the Neal, Fred and Eli A. Nissleys, and youth David Nissley, Julia Troyer, Lillian Yoder, Floyd Yoder, Miriam Yoder, Martha Yoder, Paul Stutzman, Lydia Mae Eicher and possibly others. Also Robert Nissleys and Miriam Viola Nissley.

Verda Yoder helped out in Mayfield, Ky. as substitute teacher, so the wedding could be attended by the current teacher.

Some of the Carl Brenneman family have been going to the hospital at Murray, Ky. to visit their grandson Nelson, son of Emery and Naomi Stutzman. Nelson has infection in his leg, due to a puncture near the kneecap.

Mrs. Alvin N. Yoder

**BRUCETON, TN.**

Mar. 29--We are having plenty of moisture, not many gardens planted yet.

Church was here again for Jonas and Katie Mast. It is to be here again for them on April 8. We had a very small attendance in church. All of the Levi S. Borntreger's children and grandchildren were missing. They had gone for their father and grandfather's funeral, Sam R. Borntreger. They went with a charter bus.

Tues. eve. Enos and Willie Yoders and Sam Mast Jr. left for Wisconsin. The Yoders went for one of Willie's brother's wedding. They plan to be gone a week.

Eli and Pre. Freeman I. Borntreger were to Gradyville, Ky. overnight. They came home Wed. evening.

Mrs. Samuel Mast





**CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE****Mayland Community**

March 26--Service yest. was council meeting with communion plans for next Sun. Visitors were Wanda Sommers, Fairview, Mo., Mrs. Aaron Bauman and children of Muddy Pond, Marvin Yoder and son of Dade City, Fla., Stephen, Elaine, Joyce and Eunice Troyer of Walnut Creek, Ohio and Marcus Miller of McConnelsville, Ohio.

For the evening service Bro. Lee Diller of Sparta brought the message. Guests accompanying them were her bro. Timothy Weavers, newlyweds. The Troyer and Miller youths were our and Grandpa Troyer's guests.

Wanda S. was accompanied by Mrs. Henry Sommers and two daus. of Fairview, Mo., who were guests of her fam., Eli D. Yoders of Deer Lodge and John Millers of here.

They left for home this morn. and took Leah Miller along. Leah will be teaching Spanish to Wanda several weeks in preparation for service in Honduras.

Mrs. Aaron Troyer

**HUNTINGDON, TN**

March 26--Word was received here of the death of Sam R. Bornrtreger so a bus was chartered and they left Fri. forenoon for the funeral yest. Those going were Levi S. Bornrtregers, all their children and grandchildren and Tobias Bornrtreger Jr.

Church was at Samuel Masts' yest. for Jonas Masts with a perfect attendance and is to be at Samuels' again for Jonases.

Willie Yoders and Enos Yoders want to leave tomorrow night for Augusta to attend the wedding of Willie's bro. Amos. Sam Mast is also a passenger but he has his interests at Blair, Wisc.

Mrs. Tobias Bornrtreger

**DEER LODGE, TN**

March 21--Gardens are being planted.

Visitors in church on Sun. were Charles and Dorcas Diller & family, Calvert Petres, the Levi Raber family from Finger, Tn. and Lizzie Sommers and 2 children from Fairview, Mo.

Wanda Sommers & Lizzie arrived on Fri. and Lizzie stayed with her family, the Eli D. Yoders this weekend. Wanda was at Crossville for Sun. and they plan to leave for home this morn., taking Leah Miller (Alvins) along to assist Wanda in mastering the Spanish language in preparation for a term of service in Honduras.

David & Miriam Schrock and dau. Judith attended Elsie Hershberger & Marvin Beachy's wedding at Liberty, Ky. on the 22nd. This wedding also brought Davids some visitors from Stuarts Draft, Va. They were Ben Hershbergers and son Eric, Junior & Saloma Beachys and Anita, Brenda & Michael Hershberger.

Hymn singing on Sun. eve. was at Paul Witmer's.

Glen & Marie Diller of Sparta are rejoicing in the arrival of their 4th child, 3rd son. Glendon Ray was born the 25th weighing 9 lb. 8 oz. Grandparents are Marlin Dillers and John Witmers.

Correction: Eli Hostetler Jr. bought a 50-acre farm, not 500 acres.

Witmers

**WHITEVILLE, TENNESSEE**

March 27--We've been having frosty mornings again, although days are warmer. It's kind of hard to tell how much the fruit crops are affected. The Ray Bylers have been spreading straw over and irrigating their strawberries, but have had some of them freeze in spite of their efforts.

Fri. night was cool but pleasant for a wiener roast at the Earl Yoders' beside their pond. It was a farewell for the Merle Yoders and a welcome for Phil Masts. The youth and children enjoyed hayrides afterward and we also sang around the campfire.

The Crist Yoders, Hutchinson, Ks. came with truck and trailer to pick up Merles' belongings and take them along back to Ks. where Merles will be helping them on the home dairy. It's been here 10 years now since Irene came here as a schoolteacher and remained.

Phil and Debra Mast are moving in at Merles' while Merles are gone.

The Simon Overholts, Auburn, Ky., were also weekend visitors and Simon brought the message Sun. morning. They came to see their son Loren and family and become acquainted with their new grandson, even if he is in the hospital. It's over two weeks since he has been in the hospital (he is only 3½ weeks old), but seems to be doing much better. Grandma Mast has been keeping Maria.

Mrs. Lloyd Troyer





**LOBELVILLE, TN**

March 28--Temperatures in the lower 20s last week and some this week.

Some have early garden things up already. Peach trees had been blooming.

Fri. it will be 2 weeks that Chriss Speicher's small son got casts put on his club feet. It was done at the local doctor's office with Simon Beachy doing the work..

A load from here left on Tues. for Noah Nolts' sale in Berne, In. which is to be on Sat. Those going were John Lavys, James Lavys, Aaron Lavys, Daniel Glick. Paul Lavy and dau. Esther had also planned on going along.

Perry Glicks did not return from their Belize, C.A. trip on Sat. as planned as they got down with the flu.

Mary Ellen Miller plans to leave on Thur. for Ohio for an indefinite stay, or until she can get a ride back. Her parents are coming through here on their way home from Florida and will pick her up.

Thomas D. Byler & son Danny are now living together in an apartment in Lobelville. Thomas makes quite a few visits to our house now.

Levi Rabers of Finger, Tn. visited the Ben Troyers on Mon. They also were to Cane Creek as their dau. Katie is teaching school there. Last day of school was on Fri. for Russel Creek. Cane Creek will close this week.

While cleaning house one day last week Mrs. David Byler found a small jar of food-grade peroxide. The lid being bulged, she set it outside and asked David to throw it away. But it got neglected and sat there in the sun on the porch. Coincidentally Uncle Thomas (David's bro.) and son Danny came by. While Danny helped Uncle Dave work, Thomas, being tired, decided to rest on the porch. All at once there was an awful boom, like that of a shotgun. Fragments of glass sprayed the side of Thomas' neck and face. He thought right away that someone tried to shoot him. They soon thought of the peroxide jar and were relieved to find that it was only that.

Born to DeWayne Kauffmans on March 17 was a son named Jonathan. Mabel Stauffer is the maud.

Byler Sisters

**BELVIDERE, TENNESSEE**

March 30--Our beautiful spring weather is quire unpredictable, but does accomplish one thing . . . spring fever. We were surprised with snow flurries in the midst of all this.

March 20, Mrs. Simon Beachy visited her cousin, Mary Ann Beachy of Lobelville. A dau. and son, along with Susie's parents, the Floyd Petersheims, went along to spend the day together.

Wilbur Schrock from Blackville, S.C. gave their dau., the Joe Kanagys, the benefit of their travels. They stopped in overnight on their way home from Ind.

Amos and Katie Miller were the pleased hosts for Martinsburg friends Thurs. night. The Mel Beachys and Mrs. Jake (Irene) Miller, along with drivers Lester Yoders, stopped in on their way home from Fla.

Thurs. evening David and Miriam Miller from Stuarts Draft, Va. pulled in at his parents', Amos and Elva's. Neither Amoses or any of David's 2 bros. and 3 sisters knew of their coming. They were here 2 days.

The Paul Beiler family took a weekend off for a trip to their former home area in Stuarts Draft, Va. They returned Wed. p.m.

Simon and Susie Beachy enjoyed double family visitors. His bro. Lewis and her sis. Linda and their family brought Lewis and Simon's mother, Vernie Beachy, for a weekend visit. By request I include Simon's new address: Rt. 2, Box 35, Belvidere, Tn. 37606.

Roman and Ada Beachy traveled to Mo. for a relative's funeral on Fri. They encountered a snowstorm in St. Louis and got to the funeral in time to go along to the gravesite. The rest of the weekend was spent with their son Gabriel and Sheila Beachy of Kalona, Ia.

Elizabeth Miller traveled with Sunnyhaven friends to a funeral in Fla.

Due to spring break, Carol Yoder is at home for most of a week. She is presently teaching school at Harrison, Ark.

Carol's former co-teacher is getting married in Ind. Carol, along with her bro. Wayne and Sharon Yoder are spending a short weekend in Middlebury, Ind., which is Sharon's home area. Mrs. Ruth Miller also came along to visit her sis., Cathy Schrock, who lives in Mich.

Mrs. Wayne Yoder





**CROSSVILLE, TENNESSEE****Mayland Community**

April 2--We had communion service yest. Visitors were Nelson Lapps and several children of McConnellsville, Oh. and Melvin Fisher of McVeytown, Pa. Alvin Ottos accompanied Nelsons to Winchester for the evening service.

Also present were Ruth Otto, teaching in Ark., and Daniel Mast, teaching at McVeytown, Pa. Enoch Bender and Melvin Fisher accompanied Daniel here and Ruth's bro. Philip and Brian Mast went after her.

Visitors in the evening, Sun. school, were David Miller and Timothy Schlach of Cochran, Pa. In p.m. was tract distribution and singing at the hosp. Jay Mark Mast had the youth and Titus Grabers for supper.

The closing school program was held Fri. evening, earlier this year because of Alvin Millers leaving for Hond. this week for a month.

Charles Dillers spent the weekend in Md., Pa. and Oh. visiting friends and kinfolk.

Ruby Garrett of Cornersville Retirement Home was pleased with our visit there on Thurs. Accompanying yours truly were Hannah Graber and son, Dorcas Diller and children, Priscilla, Orpha and Sharon Troyer.

Then on Fri. we were pleased with our visitors. They were my bro. Joe Millers and some of their fam., Ferlin Yoders, Jr. Millers, Betty Byler and each had preschoolers along. Steve Yoders from Grimsley also came for supper then.

Mrs. Aaron Troyer

**COTTAGE GROVE, TN****New Boston**

April 2--April has come in bright and sunny, having had cool and ample rains last week. We notice apple trees are in bud.

We were blessed with visiting ministers in our council meeting at New Boston on Sunday. Ivan Hershbergers and 4 children of Mayfield, Ky. were present, with bros. Ivan and Ervin Yoder of Locust Grove as message bearers. Joint evening services were held at Locust Grove. Communion services to be on Easter Sunday.

Other visitors present were Elmer and Erma Byler of Linneus, Mo. enroute home from their winter's stay in Fla. Elmers spent some time with his parents, Adam and Tillie Byler at Guthrie, Ky., giving them a hand in fixing up their trailer home.

Ben Schrock too were present, having attended a sale in Mo. where veal calves were purchased and left here to be cared for until their move here shortly.

Elmer A. Yoder is having a silo taken down. Poor staves are to be replaced and the silo built up again.

Mrs. Alvin N. Yoder





**ETHRIDGE, TENNESSEE**

April 2--Only ½ inch rain this week so plowing pretty well got over the hump.

Schools closed their doors for this season except I have 1 more day to make up for time off for weddings.

East church was at Dan D. Gingerichs'. Next to be at Joe J. Hostettlers'. North was at Pete M. Troyers' to be at Eli E. Yoders', both April 15.

Born to Ben L. Yoders a son Levi, April 1. Grands are Levi S. Yoders and Noah J. Zooks.

Sarah (Mrs. Noah) Zook is possibly some better. She has gained a few pounds. My mother appears like she has improved a little.

Mosie A. Gingerich and Danny E. Zook, who got caught up north in the bus strike, finally made it home on Sat. but still had to taxi it home from Columbia.

There are reports our bus will come through Ethridge again by April 6. We hope this is true as our closest bus service has been at 30 miles since the strike began.

Canadian mail must be getting better. We received a letter from scribe Noah N. Stutzman stamped at Chesley, Ontario March 29th, received here March 31st. That's like it was 35 yrs. ago.

Doddy is about the same except his leg is more tender and he does not know if that means he has more life in it and is getting better, or if it's the other way.

Jacob J. Gingerich

**WHITEVILLE, TENNESSEE**

April 3--The mist hanging over the distant blue and purple hills, with dogwoods and redbuds in bloom and the pale green of new leaves was indeed the glorious sight this morning.

L. J. and Rosemary Helmuth and son Nevin, with Lloyd and me, are enroute to the ministers' meetings in the Lanc., Pa. area and stopped here at Aroda for the night. Rosemary was eager for a visit with her folks, the Edgar Helmuths, and we with my nices, the Paul Overholts.

Rosetta Helmuth and Melody Yoder, both from Whiteville, are also serving here at Mt. View.

The Eli Helmuths had as visitors Wed. night his bro., the Andy Helmuths from Kalona, Ia. With them were 2 cousins, Clifford and Delilah, whose last names I failed to get. They were enroute home, and I was told Clifford was in a hurry, as he is making wedding plans.

The local town of Somerville had a major fire recently. Four stores were destroyed in the block next to the square. The firemen reported it took them 6 hours to get the fire under control and they say they pumped over a half million gallons of water.

Sat. a public auction was held to sell several hundred acres of land across from the Elmer Masts'. It was sold in tracts. The farmland sold for \$660 per acre, but the small tracts went higher. Our church had a snack stand there with proceeds going for the school.

Dan Byler has a special visitor this week. Esther Yoder, Nappanee, Ind. flew in to Nashville Sun. were Dan picked her up.

Sun. afternoon our road was blocked off between us and Whiteville, due to a bridge going out. Most of our people cross this bridge coming to church and did so Sun. morning. By afternoon the highway dept. cut trees across the road to stop traffic, as a large hole developed when the blacktop dropped out.

Mrs. Lloyd Troyer







## New Boston

April 8--We had rain last week and two white frosty mornings, our lowest temp. being 26. Dogwood and redbud are in bloom. Our local peach grower was expecting a fair crop of the Jay Havens, but remains to be seen if this cold wave affects them.

There were quite a few absent from services yesterday. Our young minister, Wilmer Byler, had an appendicitis operation on Saturday.

Locust Grove had council meeting yesterday. Plans are to have joint services at New Boston on Easter (communion).

Attending the funeral of Mrs. Leroy Zook of Belle Center, Ohio were the Paul Waglers, taking her parents Wallace and Ida Yoder, Sylvan Yoders, the Vernon W. and Ervin W. Yoders, Ina Troyer and Clara Miller. Ervin Yoders went via Guthrie, Ky. and picked up the Richard Lambrights as passengers.

Ervin W. Yoders made a business trip to Orrville, Ala. the forepart of the week, taking along Calvin Yoders of Mayfield, Ky., also Jake Yoders.

Neal Nissley made a business trip to Fla. for his father and expects to be home the forepart of this week.

Marvin Ray and Laura Yoder are the happy parents of daughter Darlene Joice, born April 4. A brother greets her, along with the grandparents Norman A. Yoders and Levi Eichers.

Elmer and Erma Byler did not return to their home in Mo. by the weekend as planned, as Erma was sick, but they plan to leave the forepart of the week.

Ben Shrocks of Flemingsburg, Ky. are expected here today with their chattels and will be moving on the Earle Hayes property. Their address is: Rt. 1, Cottage Grove 38224.

Monday evening callers at Marvin L. Yoders' in remembrance of a number of birthdays were the J. Milton Yoders of Mayfield, Ky., Elmer Beilers, Elmer A. Yoders and the writer.

The Norman A. and Elmer A. Yoders had dinner on Tuesday with Norman's daughter Edith, the Darrel Yoders at Mayfield, Ky., together with the Truman Yoders, formerly from Wisc., but bound for their new home in Costa Rica.

Vernon Yoder's children, Lavern, Andrew and Cynthia, stayed with her sister Miriam and bro. Jonathon Miller while Vernons attended the funeral in Ohio. Last night after supper at Elmer Beilers', Lavern was riding a bike at high speed through a ford where he hit a rut that threw him. He was unconscious and suffered fractures in his shoulder, hand and skull and a bad cut on his ear. He was taken to the hospital at Paris, then transferred to Jackson. At present his condition is stable. Vernons were contacted, so we surmise they are homeward bound.

Lillian Yoder is substituting for teacher Miriam Miller today while Miriam is with her nephew Lavern at the hospital. Elmer Beiler stayed with Lavern during the night.

Mrs. Alvin N. Yoder

## WHITEVILLE, TENNESSEE

April 9--We have again had several hard frosts with temperatures dipping into the 20s. Azaleas are blooming, but some are tinged with brown due to the frost.

The Ray Bylers have had a trying spring with their strawberries. They covered the plants with straw and have been irrigating when the nights were so cold. Then last Fri. night Rays had a cookware supper and for some unknown reason the man decided to come in the back way through the strawberry fields and drove over all 16 of the irrigation pipes, mashing them. The pipes are aluminum and cost approx. \$100 apiece. Ray did fix about 4 of them.

The L. J. Helmuths and we returned home Fri. from the ministers' meetings in Lanc., Pa. On the way home we picked up Rosetta Helmuth who is working at Mt. View Nursing Home, Aroda, Va. and brought her along for a surprise visit with her family. She plans to return to Va. tomorrow with Nelson Mast, who with his little nephew, Hans, has been visiting homefolks.

The Mervin Graber family, along with numerous relatives on Linda's side of the family, is spending the weekend at Macon, Ms. with Linda's sis., the David Yoders.

Lloyd and son Loren left early Sat. morning to pick up Lloyd's mother, Mrs. Ina Troyer and Clara Miller at Paris, Tn. to attend the funeral of Mrs. Leroy Zook of Belle Center, Oh. yest. They plan to return home today.

Phil and Debra Mast's new mailing address is Route 2, Box 1446, Whiteville, Tenn. 38075. Their phone number is 901-254-9755.

The Eli Helmuths had as Mon. overnight guests Fannie's sis., the Samuel Kemps from Kalona, Ia. The Kemps were on their way home from Fla.

Construction has begun on Hwy 64, making it a 4-lane hwy. instead of 2. This is a big project and has been quite an issue. The ultimate plan is for it to be reconstructed to a 4-lane from Memphis to Chattanooga in the future.

Mrs. Lloyd Troyer

## HUNTINGDON, TENNESSEE

April 9--We had a few days of colder weather. Was 24 one morning with some ice.

Church was at Samuel Masts' for Jonas J. Masts. Is to be at Jonathon L. Borntragers' April 22.

Adam S. Borntragers spent 1 day and 1 night here last week leaving for LaPlata, Mo. Tuesday evening.

A few have some early garden out.

Mrs. Tobias Borntrager





**ETHRIDGE, TENNESSEE**

April 9--Warmer again after 2 mornings of 28°.

Middle church was at Mahlon H. Gingerichs' and is to be there again April 22nd.

West was at Joe U. Gingerichs' where Noah D. Slabaugh and Mary E. Stutzman were published. Wedding plans for April 19th. Wedding church to be at Noah J. Hostetters'. Next church to be at Peter J. Gingerichs', April 22nd.

Bro. Uras moved in their new house. After living in tight quarters for many years they probably feel like schools out. Bishop Andy U. Gingerichs and son Uras left today from Waco for Lodi, Ohio to visit her sick father Levi J. Hostetler and others. We still don't have bus service here on Rt. 43, but the 2 a.m. buses are going each way on Rt. 31 again.

My mother is much better but still weak. She goes to the table some again on the wheelchair for meals.

Deaf Sammy A. Yoder got a leg broken right above the ankle when several logs rolled on his legs while he had his back turned to the logs, it also broke the cant hook handle he had in his hand.

Born to Rudy A. Millers' a son Moses April 6. Grands are Mrs. Abe (Mary) Miller and Noah J. Zooks.

There are 2 frolics on Wed., one at Ura S. Hostetters' new home addition and one at Joni N. Hostetters', rebuilding a barn addition.

April 10--Andy R. Troyers and Joni Swartzes of Glasgow, Ky. and Aaron Borntragers of Wis. were down to visit mommy today and stopped in here on a little clock business.

The Joe C. Millers and some of the family of Lobelville, Tn. were in the area visiting freundschaft last week.

Jacob J. Gingerich

**NUNNELLY, TN**

April 6--Thurs. morn. the temp. was right around 30° and by noon it was in the 70s. Quite a change in one day.

Olen Bontragers are having sale today, in preparation to move to LaPlata, Mo. by next week.

William Millers of Huntingdon were here working on their place again this week.

Church was at Rudy Borntragers' last Sun., with plans to have council meeting there on Good Friday.

Mose Borntragers and a few children came back from Mo. on Thursday eve. after spending several days there. They have "For Sale" signs sprouting on their farm here now.

Lester Graber

**BELVIDERE, TENNESSEE**

April 5--We appreciated the handiwork of our Creator shown again in the beauty of spring. Dogwoods are blooming, gracing field and mountain.

Sun. a.m. Matthew Hochstetler of Altamont, Tn. was baptized into church fellowship. Those of his family attending the services were parents Thomas Hochstetlers (Altamont), sis. Scott and Anna Reed (Kokomo, Ind.) and grandmother Thelma Byler (Belleville, Pa.). During the second part of the service we observed communion. Our bishop, Bennie Byler from Stuarts Draft, Va. came for this occasion. Other visitors were Dwight Townsends and Joel Martin from Woodbury, Tn.

The weekend visitors of Paul Yoders were the James Morrison family from Whiteville, Tn.

The Nelson Lapps from Antrim, Oh. visited her sis., the Alvin Otto family from Crossville, Tn. Sun. evening supertime found them guests at their cousin William Troyers'. Alvin had the devo-

tional at our evening services and Bennie Byler preached.

Our lower grade schoolteacher, Joyce Yoder, was home to Auburn, Ky. for the weekend.

Carol Yoder returned to her teaching duties at Hillcrest Home in Ark. after a short week of vacation.

This week is a "first" for 6 young children. Iretta Beachy is teaching kindergarten for 6 weeks. These pupils are all excited about going to school.

Two of our ministers attended the annual ministers' meetings in Pa. this week. Abe and Clara Miller stopped in Oh. on their way up. John and Alta traveled through Va. Both couples visited their former home areas. Johns also stopped to see their infant grand-dau., who is in Washington, D.C. Hosp. She is the dau. of Marvin & Cora Chupp.

Anna Joyce, dau. of William Troyers, traveled with Johns as far as Stuarts Draft to be with friends there.

Jr. Beachys from Stuarts Draft came on a quick trip, providing transportation for a tractor. His bro. Marvin plans to put it to good use. Another bro., Henry, hosted them for the night.

Mrs. Wayne Yoder





**SPARTA, TENNESSEE**

April 9--The gardens are growing slow due to the cloudy, rainy cool weather. Michael Dolente's greenhouse plants are deluxe in quality and quantity. They will be busy people once the weather warms up. Kay Deel has been helping Burnadette and Michael do transplanting. We were out one day to help. Their sign says, "Hickory Valley Greenhouses."

Charles Dillers were to Pa. over the weekend of the 1st visiting relatives. They plan on flying back to Honduras the 11th.

April 5, Mary Catherine and Naomi Witmer were to Summershade, Ky. to help son John Mark move to the former Calvin Yoder place.

Calvert's eardrum is healed; the doctor wants to check him in 2 months again.

April 6, bro. Allan Millers of LaRussell, Mo. came here for council meeting. Communion was the 8th. There was a fellowship dinner. Roy Hubers and family of Dade City, Florida and David Troyers of Flemingsburg, Ky. were visitors. Roys were our Sat. eve. supper and night guests and some of the children went to Mahlons'. Bro. Allans were Curtis Deels' Sun. eve. supper guests and Roy Hubers were J. Elmers' supper guests.

Calvert Petres

**BELVIDERE, TENN.**

April 12--Our lovely springtime weather is quite changeable of late. Such variations seem to help the flu bug make its attack once again.

Stephen and Susan Beachy, with their 2 youngest, went to Holmes Co., Ohio for the weekend. They visited friends and relatives, while also getting a load of cheese for the Swiss Pantry.

Stephens took along a surprise package for his niece, Starla Beachy. The package is named Joanna Beiler. She reports a great time in spite of the fact that her coming wasn't a total surprise.

A wedding in Texas was the occasion for Tryphena Beachy's trip this weekend. She travelled with Byron and Carmen Miller (Va.). The newlyweds are Terry and Wanda (Miller) Yoder.

On Friday Joe and Freda Kanagy were quite surprised when her brother, Glen Schrock from Montezuma, Ga. walked in. He was working in Nashville at the time. Fortunately he did not have so very far to travel to be with family for the weekend.

Sunday Karen Clark again attended our worship services. People are searching for the truth. Mrs. Wayne Yoder

**PARIS, TENNESSEE****Bethel Fellowship**

April 10--We had more rain. There isn't too much corn planted in this area, as the ground is too wet.

David Wengerds and Eli Nissleys treated the school children with a hot lunch April 3rd.

The youth group and Elwood Yoders sang for some elderly couples on Tues. evening. Ivan Beachy and Bertha Kauffman were in Mayfield, Ky. at Marvin Schlabachs' for supper on Tues. evening. Ivan is working at Jonas Schrock's and staying at Simon A. Yoders'.

Eli Nissley accompanied Neal Nissley to Fla. last week to pick up some things for Neal's parents, Calvin Nissleys, Oakland, Md., delivering some in Va. and taking the rest in Oakland. After getting a load of milking equipment in Pa. they arrived home tonight.

Ray Bylers, Whiteville, Tn. were with Mrs. Tillie Byler for breakfast on Thurs. morning.

Elmer and Erma Byler, Paris, Mo. visited Earl Bylers on Thurs.

Jacob Hostetters opened their home for the monthly church quilting on April 4.

The youth girls had supper and their secret sis. revealing at the schoolhouse on Fri. evening.

Menno Wagler, Norman D. Yoders and Noah Wengerds attended the ministers' meeting in Bird-in-Hand, Pa., April 3-5. Menno and Normans also attended the seminar on communication at Penn Valley Retreat April 6-8. We visited dau. Martha, Swanton, Md. and went to Belleville, Pa. Sat. evening. Sun. afternoon we met Menno and Normans at the retreat and went to Belleville, Pa. for church services Sun. evening. We came home Mon. evening.

Nathan, Judith and Kathryn Byler went to Summersville, Mo. on Sat., returning home on Mon. evening.

Joy Hubbard, Paris, attended services on Sun. morning, also the hymn singing at Lee Hostetters' Sun. evening.

Uria E. Millers are having sale on April 21st to sell some of their personal belongings, with plans to move to Stuarts Draft, Va. in the near future.

Elwood Yoders and Joanne Hostetler were in Mayfield, Ky. on Mon. to help Alvin Yoder with his meat processing.

Simon Beachys, Whiteville, Tn. visited Mrs. Tillie Byler yest. Tillie is holding her own, but her mind is failing.

Noah Wengerds





**NUNNELLY, TENNESSEE**

April 21--Olen Bontragers loaded out yesterday, leaving for their home at LaPlata, Mo. last night. Their horses were shipped out Wed. eve. when their driver had come by. The semi had originally been scheduled for Thursday.

Gene Snyder took the family in his van. Sammie and Kathryn Borntrager and family accompanied them to Mo. where they plan to attend the Hochstetler-Miller wedding at Canton, Mo. next week.

Council meeting was held at the Rudy Borntrager home on Good Friday with visitors from Marion, Ky. On the load, which arrived Thursday evening and left Sat. morning, were Min. Simon Beachys, Min. David Bontragers,, Dea. Raymond Masts, Abe and Barbara Shetler and Elsie and Becky Bontrager.

Noah and Miriam Hochstetler and son Alan and Truman and Martha Borntrager and baby and son David attended communion at Gradyville, Ky. last Sunday. They arrived home on Monday.

Lester Graber

**DEER LODGE, TN**

April 15--We're having a cool spring.

Visitors in services Sun. morning were John Masts from Crossville. Bro. John brought the message. Joint services were held in the evening with a hymn singing. Out-of-state visitors were David Wayne Showalters and Stanley Goods from Harrisonburg, Va. and Ella Schlabach and Judy Lapp and children from Gap Mills, W. Va.

Eli Yoder made a quick trip to Mt. Perry, Ohio last week with the Sparta ministers to attend a ministers' meeting.

Paul and Ruth Witmer, Jason, Luke and Eva Witmer left Fri. for Harrisonburg, Va. to attend Nathanel Miller and Mariann Witmer's wedding.

Lena and Irene Martin from Mt. Hermon, Ky. stopped in at Paul Witmers' Wed. afternoon and spent the night. They left Thurs. for Pa.

Elmer Enos Witmers went to Mt. Hermon, Ky. Sat. to help his bro. John Mark Witmer on a building project.

Paul Witmers returned home Sat. evening from Va. and received word of the car accident that the Jacob Showalter family had at Mt. Hermon, Ky. The wife and 3 children were hospitalized. Pauls went up Sun. morning to visit them and returned home in the evening in time for joint services.

Joseph and Betty Witmer from Harrisonburg, Va. visited his bros. Paul and John Witmers the 3rd-7th.

The Witmer boys had an unusual experience the other week at their auto repair shop when a lady stopped in and left her 1½-yr.-old child in the car. The child locked the doors (electric locks). They couldn't get the child to understand how to open the doors. The boys weren't able to pick the lock with a wire so called the sheriff. A sheriff and state trooper both came. They worked and worked and didn't seem to be making any progress so called for the 3rd one to come, but they finally got the door open before he got there. John Witmers





**COTTAGE GROVE, TN****New Boston**

April 16--We see some evidence of clearing skies after several days of slow rains. Farmers with corn planting fever are waiting for soil to dry out. Strawberries have been hurt by the late freeze, even the ones protected with floating cover. Peas and early planted gardens have not grown fast due to the cold spells we have had.

Joint communion services for both districts were held at New Boston yesterday. We were privileged to have a visiting minister, Bish. Eli R. Yoder and wife of Mayfield, Ky. Bro. Eli shared in presenting the message. Ruth Yoder, teacher in Ala., was here to partake.

Lyndon Yoder enplaned for Ala. to escort his sister Ruth home, along with Mrs. Wayne Yoder and children, who have been with her parents, the Jake Yoder family. Junior Yoders (bro. to Wayne Emma) are taking them back to Ala. today.

Jacob Derkson was unable to attend services yesterday, having had surgery as an outpatient in McKenzie on Thurs.

Lavern Yoder, the accident victim of last week, is at home from the hospital very sore, but gaining as well as can be expected.

Two death messages from Ga. were received here yesterday. Mrs. Mark Brenneman (Verna) succumbed to a lengthy bout of cancer. Carl Brennemans (bro. to Mark) and most of their family expect to attend the funeral on Wed. Paul Brennemans of Mo. are expected here to join and travel with family members.

The other message was of Dorothy, dau. of Simon L. Yoder of Ga., but presently was at home in S.C. Funeral and burial is also in Ga.

Dinner guests from our area at John Bortregers' on Friday were Jake Bylers and son Allen, Alva Millers and dau. Sharon, Jerry Stutzman Srs. with Paul and Ruby, Elmer A. Yoders and daus. Lillian and Verda and the writer.

Alva Millers enjoyed having his cousin Lloyd and Josie Schlabach of Del. as visitors the forepart of the week. Alva and Lloyds favored me with a visit Tues. a.m. before going to Guthrie, Ky. for their dinner engagement with Noah and Minnie Yoder.

Joni Millers have made good progress in finish work in their new house, hopefully they may be able to move up from the basement before long.

Mrs. Alvin N. Yoder

**CROSSVILLE, TN****Mayland Community**

April 16--Albert Millers and dau. Diana left Wed. by air to visit their son and bro. James teaching there. They plan to be gone several weeks.

The Alvin Lynn Miller family left Fri. morn. early on their trip to Hond. They'd bought a school bus and packed it with supplies for the mission at Guimaca as well as fixed it for eating and sleeping quarters on the way. They intended to take in the weddings of her niece and nephew, Wanda and Darrel Miller at Lott, Tex. over the weekend, then leave from there on Mon. They hope to finish the adoption of their 2 sons and visit the missions in Belize enroute home.

Others who attended the wedding of Wanda Miller and Terry Yoder were Alvin Ottos and dau. Esther, Rachel Troyer, Philip Otto, Philip Mast and Eli Miller. Alvins picked up their dau. Ruth at Hillcrest, then returning, planned to take in her school program tomorrow eve.

Titus Grabers left Sat. for Ind. to help David Grabers (parents) move to LaRussell, Mo.

I'm writing from my sister's house near Winesburg, Ohio. We (and 4 youngest children) brought Grandpa Troyers up for communion yest. at Pre. Wayne E. Millers'. Leaving home Thurs., we spent Good Fri. at McConnellsville at Melvin Miller's (their dau. Esther). We'll be returning to Tn. tomorrow again.

Charles Dillers left for Hond. from Nashville, Tn. early Fri. morn. after a 6-week furlough which included 2 weeks of Span. lessons from Alvin H. Miller.

School was dismissed Good Fri. Rachel Troyer took advantage of the day off to recuperate from removal of 3 wisdom teeth Thurs. p.m.

Alvin H. Millers and some of the children went to Ind. for the weekend visiting kinfolks. Alvin Ottos were also gone to Ind. to attend the funeral of Mabel's aunt, Sue Wickey. Philip and Tim Mast, Mose and Ben Miller went to McVeytown, Pa. to visit Daniel Mast.

Visitors in the community over Sun. were Judy Lapp and children from Gap Mills, W.Va. It spites us to have missed them.

Jay Marks and Sarie Mast attended services at Winchester, while bro. John Masts were to Deer Lodge and he ministered there. The evening service was joint there.

Making several stops in the community, including a snack at Billy Winningsams', were the newlyweds, Terry and Wanda Yoder. They spent the night in Alvin Lynn Miller's vacant house.

The community was shocked yest. to hear that Jay Bryant, next door neighbor to Alvin Millers, was found shot and killed. Seems that moonshine was involved.

Mrs. Aaron Troyer





## PARIS, TENNESSEE

### Bethel Fellowship

April 18--Sun is shining nice and bright this morning after the rain yesterday.

The youth group and Elwood Yoders sang in different homes on Wed. evening, April 11: at Mrs. Tillie Byler's, Mrs. Elmina Yoder's and Eli A. Nissley's.

The schoolboard, with teachers and children, enjoyed a field trip to the locks in Benton, Ky. on Thurs. to watch the barges pass through, where the river has a 50' drop.

John Hostetlers and Jake Yoders visited Eric Kraleys, Scottsville, Ky. on Good Friday, also stopping in Guthrie, Ky. on their way home.

We enjoyed having Raymond and Rose Fisher, Martha Esh, Martha Wengerd, Swanton, Md., Steve Esh, Flemingsburg, Ky., Dave Swartz, Susie Esh, Mt. Perry, Ohio with us from Friday-Sunday. Paul Hostetlers, David, Andy, Daniel and Paul Wengerd families had a carry-in dinner here on Good Friday in behalf of the youth.

A hymn singing was enjoyed at Herman Millers' on Good Friday evening with the above visitors attending.

Communion services were held on Sunday with all members present. Raymond and Rose Fisher, Martha Wengerd, Steve, Susie and Martha Esh, Dave Swartz and another man whose name we didn't get were visitors Sun. morning. After dinner at Daniel Wengerds', the youth left on their homeward journey.

Yesterday was the last day of school, with the school picnic planned for tomorrow.

David Wengerds and the youth were at the Henry Co. Nursing Home last night for a song service, with David having devotions.

Uria Millers, Jake Hostetlers, Earl, Ida and Tillie Byler, Eli D. Nissleys, Titus and Mary Lois Wengerd were our supper guests last night, before Urias move to Va.

Raymond Millers, Stuarts Draft, Va., came yesterday for the closing on the farm they bought from Uria and Lena Miller, which is today. A load of machinery is coming today for Raymond. They will move in the near future. Eli Millers accompanied Raymonds to visit their son Joni E. Miller and family for several days.

Noah Wengerds

## BELVIDERE, TENNESSEE

April 19--Just what is unpredictable spring weather? In Tennessee it can begin with a chilly morning turning into a comfortably warm day. Or at times we begin our day in short sleeves and by noon are wishing for a nice warm jacket. Surely sometime throughout such a day everyone will be satisfied.

Recently Amos and Elva Miller and Henry Beachys enjoyed the short visit of a cousin, Lloyd Schlabachs from Greenwood, De.

Carol Yoder came home from Ark. for Easter vacation. Coming with her for the weekend was Cheryl Stauffer (Lebanon Co., Pa.), who is presently working at Hillcrest Nursing Home.

The James Hershberger family of Blackville, S.C. visited in the area over the weekend.

We rejoice to see God's healing hand upon Mrs. Marvin Beachy. She has been in church several times now since a 6-week absence.

Friends and relatives were pleased to again see our former schoolteacher and her husband. Jay and Sarie Mast (Crossville, Tn.) brought her aunt, Martha Miller from Gap Mills, WV for a short weekend with her brother's and sister's families. Martha had been visiting in Jay's area.

Wayne and Sharon Yoder hosted her sister, the Nelson Hege family from Orleans, In. After having wintered in Georgia, they stopped in here on their way home.

A number from our group went to Franklin, Ky. for Sunday evening services. The Yoders from Martinsburg, Ohio gave a program in song.

John, Alta and Catherine Miller visited at McConnellsville, Ohio on Sunday. Catherine stayed with cousins in Geauga Co., Ohio while her parents went on to Cochranton, Pa. to see John's father and brother. Back in Geauga they visited some of Alta's family before returning home.

On Tuesday Joe and Freda Kanagy and 2 children headed for Georgia for the funeral of his aunt, Verna Brenna-man. They also attended another funeral there the same day. One highlight of their trip was meeting with his parents and with siblings of both of theirs. Her sister, the Alvin Beachys of Plain City, Ohio plan to make an overnight stop here on their way home for Georgia.

For several weeks Mrs. Amos (Elva) Miller has been battling an apparent flu bug. The doctor diagnosed this "flu" as an allergy to her new medication. It had brought relief from her arthritis pain, but now they will need to find something else that works. Mrs. Wayne Yoder





**WHITEVILLE, TENNESSEE**

April 16--We have plenty of moisture and farmers are busily working fields. Flowers and fruit trees are blooming, and strawberries are just beginning to ripen.

Matthew Miller of Sugarcreek, Oh. was in the area last week to pick up a load of tomatoes to take back to Ohio. He was an overnight guest of the Roger Helmuths.

The Mervin Grabers enjoyed as visitors several days last week, Linda's parents and sis., the Ben Millers and Elvin Eicher family from Sugarcreek, Oh.

Loren and Ruby Overholts' infant son, Matthias, seems to be doing quite well since he's home from the hosp. They had kept him home for several weeks to prevent his exposure to any colds or sickness that may be a threat to his respiratory system, but Ruby and baby were to church again Good Fri. morning.

The Paul Mark Overholt family arrived "home" just in time for our Good Fri. morning worship service, where our youth group also gave a program. Pauls are serving at Mt. View Nursing Home, Aroda, Va. and are home for a 10-day visit.

Jerry and Vera Ann Eash and children, Anthony and Crystal, were also "home" for the weekend (he is teaching at Auburn, Ky.). They have sold their property and had the closing this week. They left for home after our communion services, Sun.

Some of the men and youth boys had a working bee at Mrs. Vera Byler's Wed night to build a storage barn.

Mrs. Elmer Mast and dau. Darlene and Ruby Overholt had quite a scare Fri. afternoon when they went out to the camper. Mary Jane opened the refrigerator door and a blast of chemical gas (?) nearly knocked her over. Darlene

slammed the door shut again and they ran outside, but could hardly catch their breath. Mary Jane was hit the worst and finally able to gasp air. Her eyes became swollen and her chest became tight and burned. Ruby quickly called the poison control center and a doctor said to keep her outside in the fresh air, and if she's not better in 15 minutes to bring her in immediately. She got a severe headache, but it didn't last long. They said it smelled like extremely strong ammonia. They still are not sure what caused it. Today she developed a severe headache and high fever (104°), but don't know whether it has any connection with Fri.'s occurrence.

The Clarence Yoders received the message Sun. morning of the death of Clarence's sis., Mrs. Mark (Verna) Brenneman of Montezuma, Ga. Later in the day we received word of the passing of Dorothy Yoder, also from Ga. Clarences and dau. Carolyn Eash left for the funeral this morning.

Mrs. Lloyd Troyer

**ETHRIDGE, TENNESSEE**

April 16--A cool week, 31° Thurs. morn. I believe strawberries have been frozen about 4 times this spring already. Early varieties look pretty well frozen out. Some places corn or popcorn fields are coming up with green rows. I do not know of any Amish planting corn yet but a lot of disking was done through the week.

East church was at Joe J. Hostetters'. Next to be at Jacob D. Hershbergers' April 29. North was at Eli E. Yoders'.

Jacob E. Gingerichs and Naomi N. Yoder returned from their Lodi, Ohio trip on Thur. Our bus line started going on that day but in Nashville they told Jacobs our line was not going, so Jacobs got off at Pulaski Jct.

A willing niece of mine who in Dutch we might say jumped the window out and ran the hill down in a hurry to get to the field plowing after an early supper didn't realize how bad she sprained her ankle until she wanted to retire that evening and ended up seeing a dr. He reported no break but a very bad sprain. She is using crutches. I will not report if her connections are ginger ich or stutz man.

Jacob J. Gingerich





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Kraley 39  
Kramer 27  
Kulp 2  
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Lapp 32-35-37-38  
Lavy 2-19-31  
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Loewen 11  
Lowry 8  
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MCJ  
Mc Grath 5  
Mc Kenzie 38  
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Nixon 25  
Nolt 2-12-31  
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Overholt 9-20-26-30-33-40  
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Patton 4  
Peachy 5  
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